

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

Call to Order by Melissa Hagerman, FBPA president

Attendees:

Board members: Melissa Hagerman (president), Denise Cambier (VP), Jessica Spelman (secretary)

Directors: Erin Gibbons (theater), Jillian Henning (orchestra), Michael Reeves (band). Also present were middle school music directors Rachel Tweedy (orchestra), Christine Wedell (band)

President's Report

- We will be changing our apparel supplier. Going forward, April Steinberg will be doing that for us. She will do screen printing, shirts and summer uniforms. Can order year-round and for certain fundraisers. Can even do custom orders.
- We will need to find a new person to do yard signs b/c she retired
- People can order bricks for the wall above the theater doors on the FBPA website
- Jennifer Brinkerhoff will continue to do the FBPA website next year even though her child is a graduating senior.
- We need a new treasurer for next year. Patricia's daughter is a senior and will be graduating. We'd prefer to have 2 so they can split the duties. This is a really important role, and the person should have some experience in finance.
- We need a new concessions lead bc Haley will no longer do next year. Would prefer to have 2 for this role as well.

Treasurer's Report

- Recent significant expenses included makeup mirrors and microphones for theater, a piano humidifier system and solo-and-ensemble fees for larger groups.
- Again, need new treasurer for next year. We are a 501C3 organization, so we can be audited, so the treasurer needs to know something about finance. Would like 2 new treasurers, which would give us 5 total officers

Choir Director Report (Thai S.)

- 8 singers qualified for the OCC Honors choir at Otterbein on Nov 13
- Olentangy Brothers Sing on Nov 16 was a big success. 60 men from the Olentangy district sang with the OSU Men's glee club
- 3 singers from Berlin have qualified for the All State choir
- Men and women choirs participated in Caroling for Cause for the Mid Ohio food bank in December
- The Jingle Mingle party for all performing arts students at Berlin took place at the end of 2019
- All District 8th Grade Choir show is this evening (That's where Thai S. and Jessica Kelley are)
- Night of Jazz is being rescheduled bc there is a conflict on March 12

Orchestra Director Report (Jillian Henning)

- Winter concert with the jazz band went well in December. Will likely do again next year.
- The orchestra cookie exchange was enjoyed by all
- In December, the chamber orchestra performed with Cheshire 5th graders
- Solo and Ensemble competitive is Feb 8
- Large group competition is Feb 28-29
- The pit for the musical is almost completely students

Band Director Report (Michael Reeves)

- Nate Wise is a student teacher from OU working with the band this semester
- Under the Lights was November 15. Football field theme. Middle school was there both nights. 5000 lights. Earned over \$3000
- Jazz band went to Hyatts with chamber orchestra and show choir in December. Took the band truck
- Pep band is half way through the season. Floor show (required) will be Jan 24 with rehearsal Jan 23
- The pep band may perform at a wrestling meet on Feb 13
- Solo and ensemble competition will be Feb 8
- Next year, there will be about 100 kids in the marching band. We will need 25 new uniforms. This will cost about \$10,000. Will need that money from FBPA
- Band camp will be the last week of July or 1st week of August

Theater Director Report (Erin Gibbons)

- Cinderella auditions were done the 1st week of December
- There are 54 students in the cast, 42 in the crew and 17 in the pit.
- The 5 leads are double casted, so each will perform in 2 shows
- There will be 4 total shows: Fri evening, Sat afternoon and evening, Sunday afternoon
- The Central Thespian Conference is Saturday Jan 11
- Royal Tea fundraiser Feb 8,9. Kids and parents can buy tickets to have tea with the cast from Cinderella

Berkshire Middle school report:

- First orchestra concert was in November
- Feb 6 will be 5th/6th grade combined orchestra concert
- Feb 7 will be Berkshire students band and orchestra students touring elementary schools to recruit incoming 6th graders
- Solo and ensemble competition will be Feb 22. About 56 kids are involved.
- A long term sub will be covering Mrs. Wedell's maternity leave in Jan and Feb

This meeting lasted less than 1 hour!

Next FBPA meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 in the orchestra room