

Belchertown Band Boosters
Supporting Music in our Schools - Grades K-12
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Police Station Conference Room

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1) Call to order

2) Attendance

- a) See sign-in sheet

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a) Secretary Name read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

4) AGENDA ITEM

a) 2018-2019 schedule

an updated schedule was presented at the meeting and passed out. Subject to change.

b) Officer Clarification

Lisa Bodzinski made a motion to amend the bylaws to include in the officer positions a communications and community outreach coordinator. Nicole Anliker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Knodler made a motion to nominate Michelle Charron as the communications & Community outreach coordinator. Rebecca Stowe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Teacher Updates

- i) Geoff Gould - SRE - not in attendance
- ii) Jason Mosall - CHCS - not in attendance
- iii) Corrie Smith - JBMS - not in attendance
- iv) Amanda Johnson - JBMS - not in attendance
- v) Sue McNary - BHS - not in attendance
- vi) Brian Messier – BHS -

vii) Update - about the program receiving a grant from the Belchertown Education Foundation. This grant will fund a 5 octave marimba instrument. It will be here in 3-4 weeks as it is being handmade. The smaller current instrument at the high school will be moving to Jabish middle school.

2) Poinsettia fundraiser - idea is to pre-sell poinsettias and decorate the concert with them. After the concert everyone takes them home. they cost around \$9.50 (this was last year's price) Idea would also be that we only offered one plant (same color and size, single stem, to make it easiest) We could call CNR Florist in Ludlow to get a price for this year. With markup it would cost around \$20.

d) Student Updates

i) Ian Kenneally - Tri-M President

- 1) talked about more initiatives to bridge buildings and by adding a club like structured version of the Tri-M at Jabish something that is relaxed to get more involved. They added have all the slots filled for the uniform fitting times.

ii) Sr Drum Major - Mekanna Troy

- 1) She also talked about the importance of more initiatives to bridge buildings and adding some more football games some that were not mandatory and more for fun and friendships.
- 2) parking for the fair was also discussed. They were going to get more info and let us know.

iii) Jr Drum Major - Ben Knodler

1) ben also talked a little about the parking situation.

e) BHS Uniform Fittings •

i) Schedule – Tuesday 8/21 from 8am-4pm and Thursday 8/23 from 3pm-8pm

ii) Volunteers for alterations: Thank you to Becca Stowe, Teresa Fischer for the Tuesday AM shift and Missy Roy and Donna Robbins for covering the Tuesday PM shift!

1. Suggestions were to take pics with kids wearing the uniforms and showing how they should fit for the fittings and alterations
2. the alteration team will need a spot with lighting and tables.

iii) 3-4 adults per shift to help with uniform fittings, checking in/out, answering questions, etc - there will be a sign-up put up for parents/volunteers to sign up for shifts.

iv) Requirements: 1) black socks ** crew - Students need to provide, we will have extra from walmart/target incase they are forgotten 2) Gloves - we will provide the first pair but students will be required to pay for second and there after. 3) Shoes - (black) we have some gently used students can purchase new as well. 4) all students are required to buy black bank t-shirts**

f) Band Camp •

i) Schedule – Monday 8/27 9am-5pm Lunch (pizza) will be provided along with watermelon, ice pops, water, & granola bars. lunch will be at 12pm. Suan will donate the ice pops.

ii) Volunteers needed to:

1. bring water to the football field
2. setup, serve, and clean up from lunch (2-3 volunteers is all that is needed for this)

iii) Supplies/food needed

iv) Pictures of band camp - talked about starting a google share for photos to be uploaded for all events and pictures for the end of the year as well as to document years and events for school or other purposes.

v) Money for shoes, t-shirts, ect will be collected at band camp. Last year we did \$15 per t-shirt and \$30 for new shoes/ \$12 for used shoes.

g) Big E –

i) Thursday September 20th. Performing at Green at 4:30pm, marching in parade at 5pm.

ii) Chaperones needed

h) Poinsettia Fundraiser – Brian Messier

i) Belchertown Fair – Christine Schmidt will take over as fair coordinator

i) Tri-M will find a new parking lot if they can. Old parking lot the number of spots to collect for were made smaller. the parking lot owner will pay for money not received due to less spots thought.

ii) Lisa will call about baking potatoes and get cost amount for the “russet” baking potatoes.

iii) There will be online volunteer sign-ups setup for parents and volunteers.

iv) Some students will be performing at the fair. there will be a bucket band, students will perform section songs and they will ask corrie if she is interested in having a group to sing. We do need a place to store instruments, at the meeting there were suggestions but no location settled on.

j) Apparel & Logo- Soundscapes Merchandise presentation

Brian giggey - Soundscape Merchandise - shared price points and showed some apparel and choices trying to get the order in for the Big E. Order would need to be done by 9/20 takes 2-3 bus wk to make. We still need a logo and final name. Typically in one order they bring in around \$350. Each design typically has option of 12 designs you can have 1-2 logos on the store. each color added adds to the price as well.

5) New business

a. Peg Reidy - talked about transitioning into the treasurer position. They are starting a new account to clean out older account. They also purchased a new computer for the program.

Treasurer update: As she is newly transitioning there is not much to update. However she did say there are 3 accounts 1) checking at about \$1400.00 2) Money Market at about \$11,000.00 3) Trip account at about \$9,000 this includes funds the New York trip so the number is not accurate. It also includes funds owed to students for the last bi-yearly trip. We are also owed some money from students as well. Also tri-m has about \$2800.00 to start the year with.

- b. There needs to be further discussion about ideas on how to save for new uniforms in the future.
- c. We briefly mentioned that we offer scholarships for students attending band camps (\$100) as well as for lessons.

6) **Next Regular Meeting:**

- a) **Wednesday, September 5, 2017, CHCS, 6:30 PM** Remainder of meetings are on Thursday, this one moved for Open House conflict

7) **Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 7:30**