



***Belchertown Music Boosters - Supporting Music in our Schools
Meeting Minutes– February 6th, 2020 6:30pm, CHCS Library***

1. Call to Order: 6:34
2. Attendance: Please refer to [BBBContactsAttendees2019-20.xlsx](#) on Drive
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: 01/02/20 Minutes Posted on [BBB Website](#) 02/04
 - Beth motion, Lisa 2nd – All Approved
4. Agenda Items
 - a. Treasurer Updates/Report: Expense report distributed to the Board on 02/02/20
 - Lots of \$\$ coming in – 8 separate events/fundraisers
 - We have about 40K – but there are several events pending (Phili/Great East)
 - This month is all about the Phili Trip
 - b. Teacher Updates
 - i. Geoff Gould – SRE
 - SRE will be performing one song at the Songs from the Heart 2/13
 - Thunderbirds night planning is going great; SRE has sold 200tix
 - Working on getting his class a set of Chrome books
 - Using Flat music program; encouraging Jay to adopt as well so there will be continuity
 - Grammy \$ being sent to BBB and will go in to SRE funds
 - ii. Jason Mosall/Josh Guerraz – CHCS (not present, Jason emailed notes)
 - Joshua Guerraz (CHCS) and Corri (JBMS) were nominated for BPS Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award (Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation);
 - Thursday, Feb 27th at 7 pm, 6th grade band and chorus concert (could use a few BBB and Tri-M people if anyone is available)
 - Friday, March 27th Thunderbirds performance with choruses.
 - The curtain is going to be installed during Spring Break, so we're excited about that.
 - Play rehearsals are going well in CHCS and it's starting to really gel.
 - iii. Amanda Johnson/Corrie Smith - JBMS (not present; emailed notes):

Amanda

 - Next thing for Jabish Choir is the combined concert with the HS "Songs from the Heart" on Thursday February 13.
 - Peg, I have money for you from both Corrie and me.
 - I also still have a Belchertown Band Woman's Zip jacket that was left at the Craft FairCorrie
 - Quabbin on Saturday...9am rehearsal and 3pm Junior Concert
 - 30 kids from Jabish participating!
 - Progress is being made the Lloyd's composition. I've been in contact with Will and we are hoping to premiere it at our last concert of the year.
 - JBMS Band Concert - Thursday, March 26th - 7pm - BHS
 - JBMS 8th grade band - first MICCA performance - Friday, April 3rd at 6:30pm

- iv. Ryan Caster/Sue McNary – BHS (not present; Ryan emailed)
 - 2/8 BHS will be hosting the annual Quabbin Valley Music Festival. This Festival features over 300 students in four different performing ensembles. A massive thank you to the BBB for their hard work in tackling some of the logistics that come along with this event on very short notice. A particular thank you to Peg and Nicole for spearheading the project of providing lunch for directors and ensemble managers for Saturday! We have a signup genius for Tri-M students, and it looks like we will have between 10-15 student volunteers taking on a variety of roles to ensure the day goes smoothly. The Jr. Concert will begin at 3pm and the Sr. Concert will start at 4pm tickets are \$6 at the door.
 - There are 19 BHS students participating in the UMass Honor Band at UMass Amherst on February 15th. These students will work with UMass faculty, guest composers and conductors and members of the UMass Wind Ensemble. I am still waiting on several payments for this event. I will get that money in to Peg when it is all in.
 - This past month, we had 17 BHS students make the trip to Shrewsbury High School to audition for the Massachusetts Music Educator Associations Annual All-State Festival. A massive congratulations to our two BHS instrumentalists, Joel Gonzalez and Raghav Suryanarayanan for their acceptance into the festival which will be held in Boston from Thursday, March 5th to Saturday March 7th.
 - On Saturday March 14th, we will again be hosting MMEA's Jr. District rehearsal at BHS. We will need all Tri-M hands on deck for this day!
 - We are facing our biggest period of "down time" for the year in preparation for our Spring Concerts which includes our MICCA performances and Music Trip.
 - Spring Concerts are scheduled for April 1st (Band Concert), April 3rd and 4th (MICCA) and April 8th (Chorus, Jazz and Percussion).
 - An email outlining this year's MICCA schedule was sent out today. Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band will be performing on Friday, 4/3 while Concert Band will be performing the morning of Saturday, 4/4. The Gold Medal showcase at Boston's Symphony Hall is scheduled for Saturday, 4/11 (my Birthday!). All of these events will require some degree of BBB/Tri-M assistance.
- c. Student Updates (not present, no updates)
 - i. Ben Knodler/ Sara LaFever - Senior & Junior Drum Majors
 - ii. Megan Gildea/Zachary Stowe- Alekman - Tri-M President & Vice President
- d. Fundraising coming up:
 - i. Pastries and Cookies Fundraiser - Delivery Feb 12th at 5:30pm
 - 300 pieces; need to be picked up by 6:30
 - ii. Dips - Due Feb 10th. Delivery week of Feb 24th
 - Can go home with Students
- e. Concerts/Events coming up
 - i. Quabbin – 2/8
 - ii. Songs of the Heart Choir – 2/13
 - iii. UMass Honor Band at UMass – 2/15
- f. Trip Update
 - From Ryan: The third installment of trip payments are being collected this week. We have had two students drop out of the trip in recent weeks. some of their deposits are nonrefundable. I will be drafting an email tomorrow reminding other families that, in the event students are no longer able to attend the trip, they cannot be fully reimbursed.
 - Need to remind Chaperones about fingerprinting

- g. Auction Allegro
 - i. Confirmed at Club House with Tent (with sides) - for May 9th.
 - Joseph is contact at Cold Spring; Gail is contact from Hanna Devine's (they will be doing the food)
 - ii. Letters have been mailed. Need help online.
 - Michelle Gave an update and Brian and others will help
- h. Quabbin Festival Update
 - (See Ryan notes above) – we have it all planned and ordered
- i. New Business
 - i. Hunt Family Baby Grand?
 - Do any of the schools want? Beth emailed all the teachers
 - ii. Florence Bank Ceremony
 - Paul and Becca to represent
- j. Next Regular Meeting: **Wednesday March 4th** 6:30 – 7:30pm, CHCS Library
- k. Adjourn: 7:23pm

March/April Upcoming Dates:

- 3/3 (Tue): \$100 Payment or remaining balance for BHS Music Trip Due
- 3/5-7: All State Rehearsal and concert (Boston)
- 3/14 (Sat): Jr. District Rehearsal @ BHS
- 3/21 (Sat): Jr. District Rehearsal and Concert @UMASS
- 3/26 (Thu): JBMS Band Concert @BHS, 7:00pm
- 3/27 & 3/28 (Fri & Sat): Drama Production @BHS
- 3/27 (Fri) CHCS performs at Thunderbirds (Springfield)
- 4/1 (Wed) Spring Concert @BHS, 7:00pm
- 4/2 (Thu) BBB Meeting CHCS Library, 6:30pm
- 4/3 & 4/4 (Fri & Sat) – MICCA @BHS
- 4/8 (Wed) – Choir, Jazz Band, and Percussion Concert @BHS, 7:00pm
- 4/17-4/20 – BHS Music Trip to Philadelphia
- 4/29 (Wed) Villa Rose Give Back Night