



Belchertown Music Boosters - Supporting Music in our Schools

Meeting Minutes 09/03/2020

1. Zoom Meeting was recorded and .mp4 will be archived in BBB Google Drive
2. Call to Order: Beth called meeting to order at 6:32
3. Attendance: See [Appendix](#)
4. Approval of minutes from last meeting: June Meeting minutes approved via email and posted to Website: [June 17, 2020](#)
5. Agenda Items
 - Treasurer Updates/Report - Peg
 - Received second world stride check and it was deposited; remaining Philli checks printed plan to mail out next week
 - Great East refunds went out, there are 5 outstanding to be cashed; Donations (\$1700)
 - Working to get the taxes done. Peg checked in and the email went to spam, but they are working on our taxes?
 - Wondering if the Curtains ever went up at CHCS (Beth will email Jay)
 - Geoff Grammy \$1000 – go to swift river
 - Holding about \$12,600 for future trips
 - \$54K is savings, (paying about \$15K; doing reconciliations this month)
 - Beth and Peg will start a fresh clean spreadsheet for all the trip balances
 - Teacher Updates
 - i. Linda Fuhrmann - Cold Spring Specials teacher
 - Will not be teaching Music when they go back in person initially
 - Will be doing Music during the remote session for the first month
 - Josh and Jason had some ideas – Linda will reach out to them
 - Only seeing students 2x a week, so looking to do any music she can.
 - ii. Geoff Gould – SRE - Could not join, but he emailed:
 - Doesn't foresee a traditional Veterans Day Show or World Music Show in December
 - Does have an opportunity to work with smaller groups in person and an opportunity to further expand some ideas for online learning that resonated with students who took part this past spring.
 - We'll simply keep working through this being as engaging as possible.
 - iii. Jason Mosall/Josh Guerraz – CHCS (*unable to join but Beth referred to updates from mid-summer check in*)
 - *Josh is handling grades per term*
 - *Jason still trying to work out instrument rentals*
 - iv. Amanda Johnson/Corrie Smith – JBMS
 - Amanda and Corrie pooled funds to purchase [MusicFirst](#) (ear training, sight reading, composition, music theory, singing assessment)
 - All Playing and Signing from Home – in class they will focus on other aspects
 - Handing out instruments today so kids have instruments at home
 - Collaborating with Ryan on Virtual Music production
 - Signing will not be allowed in person either
 - Amanda will likely be remote for the year
 - Singing – no way to do synchronous singing per se, but they can sign from home
 - v. Ryan Caster/Sue McNary – BHS
 - BHS has also purchased [MusicFirst](#) suite, a lot of composition and music theory
 - Mr. Blue Sky production with section leaders was shared on 8/26/2020 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18-jdGCVwfQOB6cx-CmaXKHI1KIBcYrMa/view?usp=sharing>

- Working on the Fight Song with Section leaders, to use as exemplars for the others
- Missing most being able to rehearse together, which cannot be replaced, but very excited about producing multitrack recordings
- Working with Dustin Patrick and Mrs. V about Percussion Camp
- Also working with Mrs. V about Wind Ensemble meeting up for outdoor rehearsals
- Springfield Symphony Orch. Master Class series, work in small groups with prof musicians
- Looking to put productions on YouTube and stay relevant and in the public eye the better off we will be
- Acapella APP for iPhone, looking if there is version for Chrome,
- Collaborating with other educators
- Will Push solos and virtual talent shows – to keep them performing and engaged
- Note Flight, Sight reading factory and theory sites
- Students asking why can't Choir meet if Sports can???
- Still going to do Drama Club virtually!
- Student Updates
 - i. Sara LaFever & Haley Bronson- Senior & Junior Drum Majors
 - Blue Sky worked well, doing more of that and trying to get together however they can
 - Haley: excited for the recording from the section leaders of our Fight Song!
 - ii. Zachary Stowe - Alekman - Tri-M Interim President
 - Will likely have to do virtual elections, which should work out fine (recorded speeches)
 - Later on in the meeting we did talk about keeping Tri-M active/advocacy
 - a. could mentor/pair up with younger classes for community service
 - b. making recordings for the younger students
 - c. maybe they can help with collecting masks
- Fundraising
 - i. Facebook silent auction? (Since the Spring fundraiser was cancelled)
 - There is a lot of outdoor activities that could still be leveraged
 - Beth asking for help promoting, get a lot of visibility, not all items are local
 - Promote the start of the FB auction event with a Sentinel article
 - ii. Fundraiser ideas? Meadow Farms? Scentsy?
 - Yes to Meadow Farms, sooner than later so we can get items in before Christmas
 - Avon? Not sure who sells that.
 - Possibly Scentsy – local and direct ship
 - Sadie may be able to come up with something with the colors
 - Scripts gift card??
 - tom.curtin@cfsbeds.com joined the call and showed a few items; the sales are run through an APP
 - a. Discount Cards
 - b. Masks and Instrument Masks
 - c. Tumblers
 - d. Crazy Socks
 - iii. Open up apparel store? Add Masks with Belchertown Music Logo?
 - There was a lot of support to open up the Apparel Shop soon
 - Will talk to Brian about changing the ordering so you can choose the item, then choose from the 3 logos
 - Also talk to him about the Minimums
 - Add Masks to the options & People will reach out to Beth with additional ideas

6. Other Notes

- Amanda (ester district chair) announces that No Junior or Senior Districts
 - i. Auditions will still be help for feedback and scoring
 - ii. Will still be all state recs for senior and all state hasn't been cancelled –
 - Will be virtual audition that leads to virtual festival experience
- Welcome to Anne, Lilianna and Lisa Cyr – new faces to the group
 - i. Lisa ask if Mr. Caster had spoke about after school activities (see above)
 - discussion about the smaller cohorts and what they are doing at UMASS
 - we are willing to make modifications and accommodations to make the experience safe

- ii. Discussion about School Committee's purview about after school activities
 - Will not be on the 9/8 meeting agenda
 - Which might make it easier because Mrs. V would be the final say – Caster is going to follow up
 - How are Credited/Accredited Classes - extracurricular activities and why are they NOT in their Purview?
 - a. There is a one-year arts requirements
 - b. Only required classes (which includes ARTs at BHS) are – so this would be decided at school level
 - Chris V has asked for them all to provide information on extras
 - iii. Lilianna was asking about if the CHCS kids could be paired up with older kids for Mentoring (see Tri-M above)
7. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2020, virtually, 6:30 PM (Zoom!)
8. Adjournment: 7:44pm

Attendees 9/3/20:

Board Member Attendees		Educator Attendees	
Name	Role	Name	Role
Beth Knodler	President	Corrie Smith	JBMS Band Director
Rebecca Stowe	Vice President	Amanda Johnson	JBMS Choral Director
Peg Reidy	Treasurer	Sue McNary	BHS Choral Director
Nicole Anliker	Secretary	Ryan Caster	BHS Band Director
Dawn French	Comms & Outreach	Sara LaFever	Senior Drum Major
		Haley Bronson	Junior Drum Major
		Zach Stowe-Alekman	Tri-M Interim President
		Linda Fuhrmann	Cold Spring Specials
Parent/Student Attendees:			
Anne Davie	Lisa Cyr		
Brian Mailhot	Melissa Roy		
Darcy Cowles	Shawn Lindholm		
Jessica Duseau			
Liliana Kualapai			