

**Belchertown Band Boosters**  
**Supporting Music in our Schools - Grades K-12**  
**February 1, 2018, 6:30PM**  
**CHCS, Library**

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**Attendance:**

Christine Schmidt, Brian Mailhot, Mona Griffin, Shawn Lindholm, Brian Messier, Geoffrey Gould, Michelle Charron, Beth Knodler, Paul McGrath, Sarah Bonetti

**Meeting Minutes – December and January**

motion: Christine Schmidt moved to accept the January and December meeting minutes

second: Brian Mailhot

vote: unanimous - approved

**Treasurer's Report** – not at this time

**Student Leadership Updates**

nothing at this time

**Teacher Updates (Brian, Corrie, Jason, Sue, Amanda, Josh)**

**Jeff Gould:** Belchertown class of 1996, thanks for piano assistance, things at SRE are going awesome.

- Belchertown night with Thunderbirds, March 31st with SRE/CHCS choirs, god bless america SRE, \$3 from every ticket sold went to SRE PTO, sold 700 last year, goal for 1000 tickets this year.
- Would like to see a Belchertown night at Thunderbirds. Belchertown has broken sales every time they have participated. Head of promotions, Todd MacDonald who is a local resident.
- Potentially sell tickets at concerts. Sell tickets at CHCS March 1st concert.
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**Brian Messier:** thanks for assistance getting pianos here, wants to utilize them more in future. No problems with the move. Tuner Aaron Bousel will be coming to tune pianos sometime in the future.

Allstate;

Wind Ensemble & Marimba playing in Allstate. Only band from the state playing. State provides \$500 stipend for transportation. Quote is \$650 from First Student, addition of truck to transport large instruments.

Performing in the Ballroom. Brian will be checking with Chris Vigneux about funding from the School District. Bands leave at 9am March 1st. Brian asks if BBB is willing to pay for truck cost. Last year BBB paid cost of accepted students to Allstate. This year there are 4 students accepted with the cost of \$325 per student total \$1,300. Our Allstate students will be traveling with Longmeadow.

Michael Markowski will be working with Wind Ensemble on February 28th, then attending Allstate festival with Belchertown High School. Cost for Mr Markowski visit is \$1,000. Tri-M will sponsor \$250 for M Markowski & high school club account will sponsor \$250. Brian would like to have some kind of dinner for M. Markowski Feb 28th, maybe something like a potluck at the high school.

Lisa Bodzinski volunteered to donate \$250 from

Motion: Christine Schmidt moved to donate \$250 toward Michael Markowski visit

Second: Brian Mailhot

vote: unanimous

- Tri M money spending: \$250 Michael Markowski, \$550 for piano covers, subsidize Tri-M t-shirts \$285
- locks for pianos from music budgets \$282.

Motion: Mona Griffin moved to allot up to \$500 for truck expenses for the Allstate festival

Second: Paul McGrath

vote: unanimous

### **Fees for All-State Students**

Motion: Brian Mailhot moved to cover the balance of the cost after any contribution by the school system, up to \$1,300

Second: Sarah Bonetti

vote: unanimous

Beth Knodler: new website - web address Belchertownmusic.org - would like to have automatically go from old site to new - new site has more functionality. Cost per month \$11.99.

Motion: Brian Mailhot moved to fund the new website, built by Beth and Terri for the monthly fee in the range of \$11 per month

Second: Christine Schmidt

vote: unanimous

### **Auction**

Friday, May 4th, Cold Spring Country Club - dinner is available, they set up with standard menu, buy a la carte, live auction would need to have a time. Owner waived fee for room. Lower ticket cost will hopefully bring in more attendance. Would like live music, potentially bring in SRE and CHCS students.

Acoustic Cafe possibly scheduled for May 4th, maybe Sue McNary would be interested in having it at the Auction.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Next Regular Meeting** – Thursday, March 1, 2018? Conflicts with All State Festival

**Adjourn Meeting**