

BBB - Belchertown Music Boosters
Supporting Music in our Schools - Grades K-12
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CHCS Library

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- 1) **Call to order @ 6:35PM**
- 2) **Attendance**
 - a) See sign-in sheet
- 3) **Approval of minutes from last meeting** - Beth Knodler made a motion to approve the min, Lisa 2nd, all approved.
- 4) **AGENDA ITEM**
 - a) **Treasurer updates**
 - i) Over-all we have around \$32,000.00 in the bank.
 - ii) Belchertown Fair - raised \$4000
 - iii) please see the treasurer report for 5/1/18 - 10/31/18 for more detailed info
 - b) **Teacher Updates**
 - i) **Geoff Gould - SRE -**
 - 1) Piano Lab Discussion - Please see the presentation attachment
 - 2) This years hockey night is 2/15
 - ii) **Jason Mosall & Josh Guerrez - CHCS**
 - 1) Not in attendance - (via e-mail) upcoming events Veterans Concert and 5th grade potluck
 - 2) Brian will come help with 6th grade band 12/20
 - iii) **Corrie Smith - JBMS**
 - 1) She has some more payments for the UMass trip. She will make sure they get to Peg.
 - 2) 12/6 is the Winter Concert
 - 3) 12/1 Jr. Dist auditions. Collecting aud money now. Asking for the money to be held by the BBB. It was voted on, Approved by all
 - 4) Great East trip - Info will go out in Jan. Money will start to be collected after the new year. It was asked that we hold the money for this until they need it. Approved by all
 - 5) Brian will observe the 7th graders & work with the 8th graders in nov. They cont to work on transitioning from JBMS to BHS.
 - iv) **Amanda Johnson - JBMS**
 - 1) Carols & Crafts Update - no update at this time, date is 12/15/18
 - v) **Sue McNary - BHS**
 - 1) Not in attendance (Thur night rehearsal)
 - 2) Wicked trip in March so far 50 + people are committed
 - 3) Went to the school committee meeting for Geoff's Presentation - it was great.
 - 4) Youth singers 1st rehearsal they wore the new logo shirts they "looked great" everyone said. There are (45) 2-7th grade singers the all are excited.
 - 5) Discussed opening a store for Belchertown music apparel - since this meeting it has been opened.
 - vi) **Brian Messier – BHS**

(1) Football, Veterans Day Assemblies, Fall Concert not much to update other than dates, please see below under “upcoming events”

- c) **Student Updates** - no student updates at this time
 - i) **Tri-M President - Ian Kenneally**
 - ii) **Sr Drum Major - McKenna Troy**
 - iii) **Jr Drum Major - Ben Knodler**
- d) **Fundraising**
 - i) pies will be delivered 11/15.
 - ii) Taste books - on sale now but slow, not unusual it should pick up after the concert.
 - iii) Spice sale - holding off, still in discussion. SimplyDiplicious may be a better option and we make more per item. Thoughts are to see if we can run the fundraiser before Easter.
 - iv) Cookie dough fundraiser - we have committed to it this year but will discuss doing it in future years.
 - v) Discuss bring Patty Cakes for future help with fundraising or the Belchertown Fair.
 - vi) Avon - do we want to do this one. Put on agenda for future a discussion
 - vii) Brian is looking into the poinsettia Fundraiser. How best it could work and details. He is also working on the Esselon coffee fundraiser. It should have a winter concert delivery date.
 - viii) General fundraising info - Should all fundraisers be made available to all students/schools wide and how would this work? What fundraisers would work best for the new uniforms, trips, general fundraising account. Thoughts were to make a calendar at some point and space out these fundraisers throughout the year and be able to pass it out or make it available to parents and community members. Also discussed was making a fundraiser committee.
** the citrus fund. Did not work out again this year, low participation. The company sent back a letter that was not very nice**
- e) **Auction Allegro - 5/11/19 @ Clubhouse**
 - i) It was discussed that we should send out letters for companies and larger donations earlier this year to be able to get the bigger company donations.
 - ii) Dec - Print letters, call or get info on our larger donators/action items, need a date/place for a stuffing party
 - iii) Mail company letters in Jan.
 - iv) discuss Disney rules and if we apply, what other donations or new auction items we can get for the live auction. Is the cruise an option and should we do it again this year?
- f) **New Uniform Update**
 - i) A “New Uniform Committee” is being created.
 - ii) Brian brought a pillow to display. Statistics: it took his mom 8 hrs to create. Price point suggestion was \$50. This process can be streamlined. Kits can be put together with instructions and all items needed. We then could ask parents and community members to donate their time in making them.
 - iii) Uniforms ballpark cost is \$60,000 (this price does not incl drum majors, color guard, or twirlers). To have for next fall they would have to be ordered in March. Realistically this is most likely a 2-3 year project.
 - iv) The current community band director (who was the past band director), Mr. Bauer, may know what the schools role was and how much they paid at the time. Hoping to have this answer for the next meeting.
- 5) **New business**
 - a) **Parent Communication Options**
 - i) Facebook - to many posts for people to sift through and most people don’t see it
 - ii) e-mails are we getting everyone in band, we can’t reach the community, and some people aren’t reading them
 - iii) Should we join an app or texting program and people can join in? We can also make groups. There is a band option as well as textedly. Beth was going to search around and see what she could find that may work for us.

6) Upcoming Events

i) 11/11 Veterans day concert @ BHS

ii) 11/15 fall concert

iii) 11/20 5th grade potluck

iv) 12/6 BBB Meeting

v) 12/15 Jabish Carols & Crafts

vi) 12/19 Holiday Concert

7) Next Regular Meeting:

a) Thursday, December 12th, 2018 6:30pm at Police dept community room

8) Adjournment @ 8:03pm