



*Belchertown Music Boosters - Supporting Music in our Schools*  
*Meeting Minutes – June 17,2020*  
*Meeting Held Via Zoom*

**1. Call to Order: 6:30 PM**

**2. Attendance:**

Full Board: Beth Knodler; Rebecca Stowe; Peg Reidy; Nicole Anliker; Michelle Charron.

Attendees: Meghan Gildea; Sara LaFever; Mrs. LaFever, Zach Stowe-Alekman; Lisa Bodzinski; Geoff Gould; Corrie Smith; Amanda Johnson; Sue McNary; Ryan Caster; Paul McGrath; Matt Roy; Ramona Griffin; Brian Mailhot; Tina LaVoie.

**3. Approval of minutes from last meeting (03.04.20) – Approved via email; [posted on Website](#)**

**4. Agenda Items**

**a. Treasurer Updates/Report**

**i. Trip Update – Peg**

1. Had enough cash to pay back the seniors
2. Waiting for refund from WorldStrides to disperse reimbursements to the rest
3. Working with Corrie and Amanda on refunds from their trip; did get quite a few donations; will need another week or so to finish up reconcile
4. Over the summer there will be more checks to write and reconcile
5. Don't have an exact balance, but we still in good shape because we didn't have a lot of expenditures.

**b. Teacher Updates**

**i. Geoff Gould – SRE**

1. In general, SRE adapted well to the online education
2. Keep nimble on feet; hopefully to be back to normal soon, but confident that SRE will roll with it.

**ii. Jason Mosall/Josh Guarrez – CHCS – not present**

**iii. Amanda Johnson/Corrie Smith – JBMS**

1. Big Bummer of end of year, missed out a lot in the spring (8<sup>th</sup>/Micca)
2. Moving forward – looking at spacing of 6feet to keep all the students
3. Frank D already rewriting music for odd combinations of musicians/instruments
4. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade meet coming up with Caster on Thursday

**iv. Ryan Caster/Sue McNary - BHS**

1. Playing the waiting game about what next year would look
2. Look at preliminary #S for next year (Perc 1 17, Perc 2 10, Symph 35, Concert 73 = 138); net increase of 37 instrumentalists. Exciting but daunting with all the unknowns of fall.
3. Choir #s – met with Amanda – about the same #s with 8<sup>th</sup> grade coming up
4. Was exciting and bittersweet to pass out the bling bags
5. Loved the Senior Parade
6. Met with Mrs. V – she wants all the dates as if we are going ahead with them
7. Band Uniforms – we will definitely not have the inventory to uniform all of those kids
  - a. Consider alternate options for the uniform (bibbers, polos, etc.)
  - b. Good Summer project – research
8. Budget Proposal idea: more of a functional budget for the year to know what might be asked of the BBB

**c. Student Updates**

**i. Ben Knodler/ Sara LaFever - Senior & Junior Drum Majors**

1. Trying to prepare for fall, may have a show if they are allowed
2. Had interviews for leadership positions and will be announcing soon
3. working with UMASS drum majors to have classes with those that applied; James Minnex giving a conducting workshop

**ii. Megan Gildea/Zachary Stowe- Alekman - Tri-M President & Vice President**

1. Postponed elections until fall; Zach is interim president

**d. Fundraising:**

- i. Auction Allegro Wrap Up
  - 1. We met as a board, in the moment decided that it is not time and place to ask for \$\$
  - 2. Expiring items may be Auctioned on FB (i.e., interskate)
  - 3. Non-Expiring may be auctioned off in the fall – want to see them used
  - 4. Start from Scratch next year (upside the weather was horrible\_
- ii. Fall Fundraising?
  - 1. Focus on Clothes – direct ship?
  - 2. Online/Direct Ship – Yankee candle?
  - 3. Soundscape Logo Masks?
- iii. Try to do Villa Rose & Antonio's in Fall?
  - 1. No, wait 'til Spring? (restaurants will not be available anyway)
- e. **Belchertown Fair**
  - i. Got email asking for Payment and Application, but we are skeptical that it is happening
  - ii. We are not feeling comfortable about serving food; would submit a vague intention
  - iii. Mona indicated that they would meet in July, but had not made a decision; they are holding checks
  - iv. Peg usually does not submit check until 7/1 so it goes on next year budget
- f. **Dates for next year**
  - i. First Thursday of Ever Month, still, will still do Zoom
- g. **New Business**
  - i. Paul M – after 11 years, retiring..... There was a lot of gushing and thank yous and a little crying!
- h. **Nominations/Voting for Board Positions**
  - i. Communications & Community Outreach position needs to be filled for 2020-2021
    - 1. Thank you to Michelle – Nicole started crying (again)
  - ii. Nomination Form was distributed via Facebook.
  - iii. We voted via Poll on Zoom; Ballot & Results were as follows:
    - 1. President: Beth Knodler
    - 2. Vice- President: Rebecca Stowe
    - 3. Treasurer: Peg Reidy
    - 4. Secretary: Nicole Anliker
    - 5. Communications/Social Media/Website: Dawn French
- i. **Next Regular Meeting: TBD Early August**
- j. **Adjourn: 7:25**