



Belchertown Music Boosters - Supporting Music in our Schools
Meeting Minutes– March 4th, 2020 6:30pm, CHCS Library

Attendees:

Name	Role	Name	Role
Beth Knodler	President	Christine O'Donnell	Parent
Rebecca Stowe	Vice President	Missy Roy	Parent (and Teacher)
Peg Reidy	Treasurer	Richard Poissant	Parent (Phili Chaperone)
Michelle Charron	Comms & Outreach	Shannon Materka	Parent (Phili Chaperone)
Nicole Anliker	Secretary	Heather Ferrier-Bacon	Parent Volunteer
Zach Stowe-Alekman	Tri-M Vice President	Paul McGrath	Alumni Volunteer
Ryan Caster	BHS Band Director	Ramona Griffin	Alumni Volunteer
		Brian Mailhot	Alumni Volunteer

1. Call to Order: **6:34pm**
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting:
 - **Feb Meeting Minutes posted to Website**
 - **Beth Motion; Becca 2nd; All Approve**
3. Agenda Items
 - a. Treasurer Updates/Report
 - **On 3/1 treasure distributed expense reports from Jan 2018 to Feb 2020**
 - **Last of the Fundraisers are completed**
 - **Focus on tying up the Philadelphia Trip – last payment this week**
 - **Tri-M owes for Inductee T-Shirts and certificates**
 - b. Teacher Updates
 - Geoff Gould – SRE – **not present, no updates**
 - Jason Mosall/Josh Guerraz – CHCS - **not present, no updates**
 - Amanda Johnson/Corrie Smith – JBMS - **not present, emailed updates:**
 - **Amanda Corrie and Sue are all headed to Boston for ALL STATES!**
 - **Andrew Boysen Jr. is coming to work with the 8th grade band in preparation ...next concert and MICCA. The kids and I are super excited about this opportunity!**
 - **Spring Concert (bands only) is Thursday, March 26th - 7pm - BHS**
 - **Corrie can speak if no BBB available; will give her talking points on Auction (if Nicole/Beth cannot be there)**
 - **8th grade band is going to MICCA this year...our time is Friday, April 3rd at 6:30pm.**
 - **Great East money is still coming in....the trip is Friday, May 8th.**
 - **Tentative date for JBMS last concert of the year is Thursday, May 21st.**
 - **Memorial Day Parade as usual on Memorial Day.**

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Teacher Updates, continued

- Ryan Caster/Sue McNary – BHS
 - **Jr. Districts 3/14 Logistics and Volunteers**
 - a. Working with Megan to establish Tr-M schedule and signup
 - b. Peg mentioned the post lunch sales by Tri-M being a good profit
 - c. We are going with same set up as last year/Quabbin (but no hot lunch)
 - d. We will need to go to storage and shop (TBD*)
 - **Spring CH/JZ/PERC may move from 4/8 to 4/15 due to Passover, TBD***
- c. Student Updates
 - Ben Knodler/ Sara LaFever - Senior & Junior Drum Majors - **not present, no updates**
 - Megan Gildea/**Zachary Stowe- Alekman** - Tri-M President & Vice President
 - **Jr District and MICCA coordination**
 - a. MICCA might be especially challenging since several Tri-M are in both days
 - b. Gave some pointers on lessons learned from last year, will meet to do KT
- d. Concerts/Events coming up – **see list below**
- e. BHS Music Trip to Philadelphia 4/17-4/20
 - **Chaperone compensation**
 - **Peg opened with proposal to discount Chaperone compensation by \$125 (\$500 instead of \$625)**
 - a. This would be a maximum of a \$1250 to come from the Pops Concert Funds (raised this year and recently), leaving remaining funds for trips this school year
 - **Discussion was held**
 - a. Peg – Parents are sacrificing their time and taking on a great responsibility
 - b. Michelle– supports this, citing other school sanction trips (e.g. DC) where the chaperones' expensed were offset (or paid for); Personally, she doesn't chaperone events like this because it is cost prohibitive. It's important to incentivize parents to chaperone. No chaperones = no trips
 - c. Ryan – Personally agrees with the proposal; Also stressed that we cannot have these trips without the chaperones.
 - d. Ryan - Did want to voice the opinion of Sue, who could not be present, that she had concerns with spending Pop Concert funds to offset Chaperone costs; and would rather earmark that money for some future travel event, regardless of when it was raised.
 - e. Heather Ferrier-Bacon – noted that she did not volunteer to chaperone because it was cost-prohibitive

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- f. Mona- indicated that in the past (pre-Brian) that other than scholarship money, BBB had not paid out/assisted parents; She also noted that it is better to spend (share) the funds recently raised, on this trip, where current students would benefit, rather than holding the funds
- g. Beth cited examples in recent past where overall cost/student absorbed the parent/chaperone fees: out of a \$700 trip the compensated \$300 for each chaperone was distributed amongst all students prior to cost being given to parents
 - Nicole Made a Motion to approve up to \$1250 compensation for 10 chaperones; to come out of the Pops Concert Ticket sale fund
 - a. Michelle 2nd
 - b. All Approved (no opposition)
- f. Auction Allegro
 - update on items
 - Michelle Charron secured ridiculously awesome items from the BHOF, including: Inductee-Signed 2015 BHOF Poster and a Limited-Edition Ray Allen autographed Basketball!!!!
 - Many donations streaming in, including a few new ones this year
 - set date for item stuffing/organizing week before auction
 - Paul McGrath will host again May 4th
 - meet with club staff in March - will organize with Lisa - TBD
- g. Jr. District Rehearsal
 - Will need Parent and Tri-M Volunteers (see comments above)
 - We do sell during breaks and lunch, and after lunch
- h. MICCA
 - Sara B and Christine S will volunteer again
 - Paul Brozek will be contacted to see if he is available to do the recordings
 - Discussion around Soup Friday night (Mona will order)
 - Will likely have a separate meeting for MICCA logistics – TBD
- i. New Business - none
- j. Next Regular Meeting - **Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 at 6:30pm in the CHCS Library**
- k. Adjourn: **7:35pm**

Upcoming Important Dates:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – Choir, Jazz Band, and Percussion Concert @BHS, 7:00pm (Will likely be 4/15) • 4/17-4/20 – BHS Music Trip to Philadelphia • 4/29 (Wed) Villa Rose Give Back Night |
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