

Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

I. Call to order

Susan Gaedtke called to order the meeting of the **Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters** at **7:32pm** on **February 4, 2020** at Big Hollow Middle School in Ingleside, IL.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: President Susan Gaedtke, Secretary Lisa Gvozdev, Coordinator of Volunteers Carol Baker, Director of Fundraising Kim Christesen (7:58), Director of Speech & Acting Libbie Dollinger, Director of Plays & Musicals Amy Cruz, Director of Art Club Sessie Carlson, Director of Band Casey Torrey (7:44) and Teacher Liaisons Julie Dee (Choir), Sara Kumpula (Band), Denise Maifield (Theater and Speech) and Dan Knowles (Band).

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Carol motioned to approve the minutes of the January 7 meeting; Libbie seconded the motion - all approved; motion carried.

IV. Updates

a) Choir update: Julie

The 6th graders will be performing 2-3 songs for the preschoolers at the RLAPD.

We will be holding off on the boosters insert for the 5/6 grader concert for right now.

Auditioned choir is asking if they can have leather jackets for their performance; Julie will look into it.

High Note parent volunteers are needed for May 1 and May 8.

Julie was asking about what can be done for payment for Lindsay for her work with choreography; last year she was able to pay her \$300.

b) Band update: Sara

The Jazz Band community concert will be held April 7.

Sara is thinking of putting together an instrument drive; asking for donations to build our instrument inventory. She is thinking of asking at the March and May concerts and is planning on putting together a flier on this.

c) Art Club/Set Crew update: Julie

The NJAHS kids are excited and ready to work on the play set and on improvements at school. They will also be doing the artwork for the Donor Wall.

d) Theater update: Denise

56 kids auditioned for the play this spring; that is the biggest amount ever auditioned. 33 have been casted and there have been no quits yet.

Fees for the play are due February 19.

Lindsay is back helping with the play.

Denise is currently working on the theater summer camp dates and paperwork.

e) Speech update: Denise

Speech & Acting starts up again on February 11.

f) Fundraising update: Kim

We brought in \$440 from our Jimano's Day; the check will be mailed to the school within 4-6 weeks and will be made out to the boosters.

We will be holding our Culver's night on Wednesday, March 11 from 5-8; Susan will be working on a sign up sheet.

We are waiting on some money to come in before we start ordering items for our Donor Wall. We would like to have the artwork up for the March concert and the spring play so people can see it. A QR code or something similar was discussed so we can possibly have an electronic payment of some type for it.

g) Communications update: Carol

None.

h) Miscellaneous: All

Regarding the variety show-our printed ticket system worked well; we seemed to bring in a bigger amount of money now that people must receive and show a printed ticket. Rehearsal for the variety show was changed to a 1-week event and this worked out well also. We will be keeping with this schedule for future years.

We talked about somehow having an electronic payment system for ticket purchases, as many people don't carry cash.

We are going to skip the fine arts awards night this year; awards will be handed out at the end of year parties instead. Art show will be with the concerts in May and the Tyler Matthews Award will be handed out at graduation.

The last of the payments was collected for the boosters' t-shirts.

Some of the boosters positions will require some training for next year. Sonya is putting together a letter for incoming 5th graders and Julie and Sara are planning on speaking at the 5/6 grade concerts.

i) Finance Report: Sonya

This month's finance report will be posted in the minutes of the March meeting, as Sonya was out sick for the February meeting.

j) Public Open Forum: All

After comparing our extra curricular activities to sports and other activities, we have decided to raise the fees for all of our activities that meet once per week for each semester. This includes Auditioned Choir, Show Choir, Jazz Band and Speech & Acting; the fees will go from \$70 per student per semester to \$90 per student per semester. The following will stay the same: Set Crew at \$35, the musical at \$125 and the play at \$100.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:43pm**. Casey motioned to adjourn; Amy seconded the motion – all approved; motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Lisa Gvozdev