

Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

I. Call to order

Susan Gaedtke called to order a virtual meeting of the **Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters** at 7:36pm on **April 7, 2020** via Google Hangouts.

II. Roll call

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

Guests present were Laura Sovsky and Lauren Chrzanowski.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Amy motioned to approve the minutes of the March 3 meeting; Sonya seconded the motion - all approved; motion carried.

IV. Updates

a) Choir update: Julie

Show Choir met online on Friday afternoon at 2:00; things have been tricky regarding muting, so Julie is not sure how things will work just yet. As of now she is planning on scanning some music and sending it out to the students as well as trying to review as much as she can with them. Curricular choir meets on Thursday afternoons and time is split up by Sopranos, Altos and Baritones.

b) Band update: Sara

Virtual band classes started this week; Dan is busy working with the 5th and 6th graders and is doing individual lessons with them. They will be working on recording and submitting on Google classroom. Jazz Band meets on Fridays at 10:00; right now, they are working on things like rhythms, answering any questions, etc. Unfortunately, Junior Jazz Band will have to be cancelled for the spring since they have met only two times. Dan thought it was best to cut our losses and return everyone's checks for the spring session of Junior Jazz Band.

c) Art Club/Set Crew update: Julie

NJAHS had three sessions left; we need to find out exactly what will be going on with those sessions.

d) Theater update: Denise

The budget for the play remains the same; costumes and props are in. T-shirts have been ordered and paid for but are currently sitting at a closed warehouse.

The cast was halfway through their play practices; Denise will try whatever she can to perform at a later date, as long as it is safe and it is allowed. If that is not possible, we may reimburse all participants for half of the program. Jackie recommended holding off on and trying to do whatever we can to not have to make any refunds, as we are a not for profit group.

e) Speech update: Denise

Denise is holding virtual sessions for Speech & Acting on Tuesday afternoons. The schedule is set for the month of April. They met for the first time today and had 15 students join in. They plan on recording monologues and putting together a virtual show. One parent did inquire about a refund for the balance of the S & A sessions. We are not planning on issuing any refunds, as an alternative has been offered, but will definitely look into each request on a one-by-one basis as they come in.

T-shirts were ordered and paid for but have not been received yet, and Grant is doing the same as us with holding virtual classes and a virtual showcase as well.

f) Fundraising update: Kim

The Donor Wall will have to be put on hold until the next school year.

Culver's has a check for us at their store from our 3/11 Dine and Share night; it was originally written to Big Hollow PTO so Kim will be going to pick up the corrected check tomorrow and will drop it off in Sonya's mailbox.

Our Jimano's Day on 4/9 has been canceled and is planned to be rescheduled for a later date.

If school does reconvene in May, we will move forward with our Culver's Ice Cream Socials after the band and choir concerts on May 19 and 21.

Our Savers fundraiser was ready to go but plans for this are now on hold. We may possibly put out an email asking everyone to hang onto their goods as they are cleaning out so we may hold our collection sometime in the future.

g) Communications update: Carol

Denise had a good idea and recommended that some posts be made to keep everyone engaged and informed during this downtime.

h) Miscellaneous: All

It was agreed on that we should refrain from making any predictions or promises regarding anything in the future right now. We should do our best to remain positive and post pictures when we can.

Mr. Gold is waiving all of our spring stipends as of now.

Volunteer checks for the play will be sent back; all other checks that Sonya currently has will be deposited; we are waiting a bit longer to decide what to do about those students whom have not paid yet for their extra-curricular activities. Laura and Lauren introduced themselves; they both have incoming fifth graders and both said they plan on being with the Boosters for a while.

Julie will set up the next virtual meeting, as it is on April 28, and she will be sure to invite all interested to parents to join us again.

i) Finance Report: Sonya

Current balance as of 3/31/20 was \$17,023.42.

Deposits were as follows: March interest, .75.

Debits were as follows: March debits, \$16.00; March cleared checks, \$377.39.

The following checks written between meetings:

Check #1671 for \$121.00 to BHMS for Boosters t-shirts.

Check #1672 for \$100.00 to Ultimate Screening for Speech & Acting t-shirts.

Check #1673 for \$232.96 to Amy Cruz for Play Materials.

The following check was written during the meeting:

Check #1674 for \$157.18 to Kim Christesen for Play Costumes.

Account balance after tonight's meeting is \$16,866.24.

j) Public Open Forum: All

None.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:51pm**. Sessie motioned to adjourn; Carol seconded the motion – all approved; motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Lisa Gvozdev