

Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11 2020

I. Call to order

Sonya called to order the meeting of the **Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters** at 7:36 pm on **August 11, 2020** at Big Hollow School in Ingleside, IL.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

President Sonya Dickson, Vice President Sessie Carlson, Secretary Laura Sovsky, Coordinator of Volunteers Carol Baker, Director of Fundraising Kim Christesen, Director of Plays/Musicals Amy Cruz, Director of Choir Lauren Chrzanowski, and Teacher Liaisons Julie Dee (Choir), Sara Kumpula (Band), Dan Knowles (Band), Denise Mayfield (Speech/Acting & Plays/Musicals)

Guests present were: Lisa Gvozdev

The following people were absent: Director of Band Liz Russell, Director of Art Club Kim Carpenter, Director of Speech and Acting Libbie Dollinger, Teacher Liaison Kori Paulson (Art)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kim motioned to approve the minutes of 1st meeting on May 26, 2020; Amy seconded the motion - all approved; motion carried. Sessie motioned to approve the minutes of the 2nd meeting on May 26, 2020; Amy seconded the motion - all approved; motion carried.

IV. Updates

a) Choir update: Julie

Has some concerns after the most recent board meeting. Activity fees have been waived so how can we run programs? Will address issue of stipends with Mr. Whipple and Mr. Gold as stipends may come from the district instead of from the boosters.

Audition choir: wants to run it this year, maybe make a video recording and send to places they usually tour if they can not do in person performances. Students involved need to be ok with recording themselves singing and being on camera singing.

No junior audition choir this year

No show choir this year

Sessie asks about technology options to help with lag or improved transmission during choir. Band and choir teachers will be using sound trap instead of smart music this year. This is approved by the district already. With sound trap teachers can set up recording and kids can record over them in layers.

t-shirts

May need to be handled differently this year.

Might present it as only an option to ask families to donate to another family.

We will charge \$10 (instead of at cost because next year the cost will be more than at cost)

one combined band and choir shirt

8th graders can pick color.

Tad will make them.

May just decline ILMEA this year if it is offered

Budget requests: none for now, not looking to buy new music

b) Band update: Sara

All 5th-8th grade band and choir students will use sound trap instead of smart music for this year.

Kids will only need to learn one program for everything.

virtual jazz band will run since fees are waived

waiting on administration response about possibility if have a few face to face outdoor rehearsals.

jr jazz band: not running it this year

there will be 5th grade band this year

will take time but will happen

will have instrument trials, still working out details

will resend parent survey as recruitment

Budget request: none for now, does not need new music

c) Art Club/Set Crew update: Kori

none

d) Theater update: Denise

met with Julie in July to discuss options. They wants to get as many kids virtually involved as possible

created an outline about programs that will be offered this year and will send it out soon.

2 sections of theater

1. shining star into to theater for 5th graders and new comeres

a. once a week about 5 weeks, on fridays, hour long sessions

b. no cost for this program

c. limited to 15 people

d. 1st come 1st serve

2. virtual play

a. many script options available

b. picked one for up to 14 kids

c. there is a cost to purchase the rights but less than a typical play. approximately \$300

d. will ask the admin if boosters pays the rights or if the district covers the cost.

- e. can charge a “ticket” price to virtual performance or recording. We need to purchase the right to perform or send out recordings.
- f. additional costs: theater kits for cast members(ring light, costume, props, background, green screen, mic)

Carol motioned to approve \$300 for rights for virtual play pending district approval; seconded by Sessie - all approved; motion carried.

the rest of the budget is pending (via email or next meeting)

Denise needs assistance to run the virtual theater programs, Julia and Lindsay Brillion share assistant director position. Stipends pending district approval.

e) Speech update: Denise

Speech and acting in the fall will be only for returning members.
most have scripts already

IESA in fall : schools will hold their own contest, teachers to judge, judges pick top 2 performances which then get sent into IESA to compete for judges choice.
More options that align with high school program.
need to look into cost.

f) Fundraising update: Kim

FunDrive is this Saturday
bus driver will be here before 8:00, Kim and Sonya here at 7:30
website totals: 212 bags expected/pledged, we submitted 240 bags or less (a little over is ok)
should all fit in one bus and can use vans as back up
we need one volunteer to unload off the bus (Kim and Julie)
will have a printed volunteer list and list of people and # of pledged bags
we are over our goal of \$600 as of now
may run it again in January: maybe run it the traditional way where we drop off bags for several days boosters bought extra bags, tape, poster board, gloves and poster markers
pick up/drop off signs: julia will look for them tomorrow maybe teachers lounge

Slide show for Boosters

The slide show is done and can be used if there is a virtual curriculum night. We can update as needed for new/changed programs.

trifolds: an electronic version with details of programs for this year would be nice
or create new slide show with details for this year

Other fundraisers are on hold for now. we do not want to be asking families for extra money
will look into dine and donate options

culvers, scott dean outdoor theater in McHenry in home movie night package delivery or pick up,

g) Communications: Carol

Thursday or Friday will post a reminder post about savers for people who pledged

h) Miscellaneous: All

Venmo: Sonya will make an appointment with rep at the bank to ask about virtual payments. details next meeting

meeting location for future: will ask admin about indoor space or virtual meetings are an option

i) Finance Report: Sonya

Current balance as of 8/11/20 was \$10573.87

Deposits were as follows:

May interest \$.61, June interest \$.46, July interest \$.46

Debits were as follows: May debits \$0, June debits \$0, July debits 88.48 (check order); May cleared checks \$5,459, June cleared checks \$906.71, July cleared checkers \$140.

Outstanding checks were: \$240 (spring refunds not cashed).

The following checks were written between meetings:

Checks #1732 through #1735 were voided because they were signed by the previous president

No checks were written during the meeting.

Account balance after tonight's meeting is \$10,573.87

j) Open Public Forum: All

next meeting 9/8/20

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:45pm**. Amy motioned to adjourn; Sessie seconded the motion – all approved; motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Laura Sovsky