

ABBI Meeting Minutes

July, 23, 2020

Attendees: David Kamen, Darrell Keech, Jess Schleicher, Eileen Eckert, Melissa Palestro, Judy McGuire, Calos Velez, Veronica O'Hearn, Christine Lent, Beverly Embry.

Location: Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church

Reorganization Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m by David Kamen

- Discussion about bank accounts held at TEGFCU (bank of record) and Rhinebeck Savings bank. This topic will be revisited during the year.
Motion to revisit this topic: Veronica O'Hearn
Second: Carlos Velez

- Signors on the bank accounts have been updated to David Kamen and Judy McGuire

- Scott Beyer has been retain as ABBI accountant
 - Eileen Eckert made a motion
 - Christine Let second the motion
- ABBI is looking to retain a lawyer. Discussion had to advertise out to Marching/Band families to see if we can get someone.
 - Veronica O'Hearn made a motion
 - Jess Schleicher second the motion
- Dave made mention of some mission items:
 - Look for the book with seal and records in the shed when we are legally allowed to step foot on the school property
 - Judy McGuire is looking for old records with law firm information.
- Upcoming ABBI Calendar was tentatively set by the board for 2020-2021 year. The dates are as follows:
 - August 13** (Thursday) Christine and/or Melissa will work on getting a space at Freedom Plains Church at 7p.m.
 - September 10** (Thursday) make a decision at the August 13 meeting if we will be meeting at the school or have a Zoom Meeting. Depends on School opening regulations,
 - October 8** (Thursday), **November 19** (Thursday), **December 8** (Tuesday), **January 14** (Thursday), **February 4** (Thursday), **March 9** (Tuesday), **April 8** (Thursday), **May 6** (Thursday), **June 17** (Thursday)

* all meetings are general meetings. Dave will add all dates to Google Calendar.

- Committee Head Vacancies:
The following positions need to be filled: Tag Sale, Sponsorships, Yearbook, Photography, Fundraising, Jazz Cab.

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- Tag Sale hold off until we find a chairperson. Looking for a location off school grounds to host event. We would like to keep September but may not work. Will be a loss of revenue if not held. During the conversation Eileen Eckert said she would chair as long it is not Labor Day weekend. Ideas of hosting it at the Freedom Plains Church or Golds Gym. Judy mentioned a Be Green Consignment event just held at Golds Gym. Also have to keep in mind NYS regulations for gatherings or large amounts of people (max 50 people ??). We are not covered by school for liability especially off grounds. May want to push to Spring to avoid any issues. No date was set and will revisit @ August meeting.

* Eileen Eckert reached out to Lesley during the meeting to post on Facebook about TagSale.

- Revisit Committee Chairs next meeting
- Reorganization Meeting called to adjourn by Dave Kamen. Motion to adjourn Reorganization Meeting by Veronica O'Hearn and seconded by Christine Lent. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting

- Monthly Board meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Dave Kamen.
- Minutes - no minutes presented and will defer and no vote.
- Dave thanked Judy McGuire for taking on Treasure position and thanked Carlos Velez for coming back to help Judy.
- Treasurer Report:
 - Discussed 2 deposits for Winter Guard brought up by Eileen. Judy found one for \$5000.00 and is researching another one in the amount of \$3000.00.
 - \$4500.00 in receipts for Bert
 - Large decrease in funds for the month of May due to payroll checks for Winter Percussion and WinterGuard. Also refunded families for NYSMA. Winter Percussion families donated their refunds to ABBI in the amount of \$625.00. Additional refunds of \$325.00 and \$929.00.
 - Anyone who has not been refunded for expenses please contact Judy or Dave as soon as possible. All refunds have been sent out thus far.
 - Judy and Carlos are still cleaning up the P&L.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report by Jess Schleicher, Eileen Eckert second the motion.

Directors Report:

- Marching Band World: 30 states have cancelled their seasons. Including US Bands, Bands of America etc.
- NYSFBC has not responded and it is obvious where we are headed. Very unlikely we will have a competitive season.

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- NYSAA states nothing prior to September 21st. We will not entertain moving to the Spring.
- We may have a Invitational. (has been approved)
- Mr. Keech is working on a couple of ideas with Kingston, New Paltz and East Ramapo.
- There will be an official statement by Mr. Keech once decisions have been made along with a possible survey.
- Not sure what the new school year will look like when we return. Strict guidelines from the state. One being 12 feet between students when playing. One room in the school that would accommodate this. Mr. Hammond is on the committee for this.
- We need to revisit the budget because of the Marching Band season.

Presidents Report

- Dave introduced himself to Mr. Orcutt. Dave is looking to attend upcoming school board meetings.
- Proposed a change- would like to come up with an agenda for the meeting. Please contact Dave in advance if you would like to be added to the agenda before the meeting.
- Ask Beverly Embry to send action items from the meetings to him 1 to 2 days after the meeting. Also would like meeting minutes before the next meeting.
- ABBI member emails need to be set up with Jess Schleicher.
- Dave is looking to do a Capital Campaign over the course of 4 years and raise \$100,000 to be used for new uniforms, instruments etc. Bringing in a colleague to speak at our September meeting. One idea is to make a video about "Who is ABBI?"

Committee Reports:

- **Vice President** (Veronica O'Hearn) no report
- Christine Lent
 - Card sent to St.Onge family.
 - Sent basket to Robin Guillen

All other committee reports were tabled.

New Business:

- Mr. Keech made mention we should check in on Andrea Hagen about Paul. He is struggling with knee surgery
- Eileen Eckert reminded us we need to vote Andrea Hagen in as a Board member. Eileen Eckert made a motion to vote Andrea Hagen in as a board member. The motion was second by Veronica O'Hearn and Beverly Embry.

A motion was put forth to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 by Veronica O'Hearn and second by Christine Lent.