

ABBI Minutes
September 10, 2020

Zoom Call

Attendees: Dave Kamen, Veronica O'Hearn, Judy McGuire, Andrea Hagen, Brian & Renee Laferriere, Eileen Eckert, Melissa Palestro, Carlos Velez, Lesley Harrison, Evan Rzodkiewicz, Rich Guillen, Tricia Hanna, Darrell Keech, Jess Schleicher, Aimee Brower, Beverly Embry

Meeting called to order by Dave Kamen at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes for July were approved by Christine Lent and seconded by Andrea Hagen.

Minutes for August were approved by Veronica O'Hearn

Band Director Report: given by Rich Guillen

- 1st day with the students was fairly uneventful
- Great to see the kids
- Playing while at home
- Safety measures in place
- 25 page Reentry document
- Waiting for guidance from administration in regard to after school activities
- One Note Scholarship/Sponsorship- donate money and they will give masks & bands covers
- Idea on the table to buy masks and covers for students to take the burden off the families.
- Links provided by Rich Guillen :
 - <https://www.giveanote.org/initiatives/lets-play-music-fund>
 - www.ampparents.org

Band Directors Report #2 Given by Evan Rzodkiewicz:

- Excited for lessons to begin in 2 weeks. Lessons will be on independent work day(Wednesday). Lessons will be remote.
- Music department happy to keep music and jobs
- Marching Band event on State Championship weekend October 31-November 1st. Details to follow.
- Senior Recognition will be a small social distance event.
- Optimistic about Jazz for this year.

Band Director Report #3 given by Darrell Keech

- NYFBC announced a virtual project free of charge. More stuff to come.
- Announcement of fall sports moving to the spring. Not band.

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Treasurer Report Given by Judy McGuire:

- No movement since last month.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer Report by Carlos Velez and a second by Christine Lent.

President Report given by Dave Kamen:

- Met with John Orcutti. He is supportive of the band program.
- Motion to vote Cory Gillette to fundraising chair. Motion to approve by Veronica O'Hearn and second was given by Melissa Palestro.

Invitational/Website report given by Jess Schleicher:

- Jess updated the email server. She advised to use the Roundcube format and not Hoarde. Can't use squirrel mail for Vice President, Winter Guard and Festival of Lights.
- Going to put out an updated how to guide for everyone.
- You can not access the address book on your phone.
- On the website forms have been updated for this season.
- Looking to add a donate button to the website. Not worried about the surcharge.
- Removed the yearbook ads to avoid confusion.

Uniforms/Decorating Report given by Andrea Hagen:

- Working on something for Senior Recognition.

Capital Campaign given by Dave Kamen:

- Viability for now or should we push off.
- \$100,000 capital campaign for new uniforms over many years.
- Need a committee chair
- Publicize that we are 4 year NYSFBC Champions and our Jazz Band went to New Orleans.
- Carlos Velez suggested we get this rolling now. He will help on the committee.
- Spoke about an associate from the Culinary who ran a Capital Campaign. Would like to invite her to an upcoming meeting.
- What is ABBI vision for the upcoming years??
- Chris Quinby mentioned getting a Chamber of Commerce membership.
- Veronica O'Hearn and Melissa Palestro went to a presentation by the Chamber of Commerce. We need to look for people to invest in us.
- Try to recruit chair from new upcoming parents.

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- Judy McGuire suggested we may have a band family member who may do capital campaigns.
- Dave suggested we need new blood
- Melissa suggest having a interest group for Capital Campaign
- Dave would like to hold a brainstorming meeting for Capital Campaign. Please email Dave at president@abbimusic.org if interested.

Odds and Ends :

- Rich Guillen stated cut time emails are on hold due to district technology. 9th grade information is going in at the time of the meeting. We are waiting for privacy information. Possible meet the Band Director night. No Open House this year.
- Tag Sale: Spring event if things change. Aimee Brower willing to Co-chair. Idea on the table to do Tag Sale, Guard Clothing & Test Drive event on the same weekend.
- Need a phone/email list put together for Board and Committee Chairs. Beverly Embry is collecting information.
- Jess has the #4 key for the shed.
- Band Gear is on sale now thru the link. Need a global announcement. Send it to 9th grade band students. Link was added to chat.
- Adams gift cards
 - Central location for pickup.
 - Curbside/drive by event
 - Possible church parking lot across from the school.
 - Can't drop off at school no lockers being used at school.
 - Is there is ecard we can print off from Adams?
 - ABBI front the cash and then collect back?
- Sea container- cleaned out of old documents. File of old invitational books kept. All equipment has been checked and gone thru.

New Business: Webathon

- Webcast of old shows/fundraising activity. (PBS-athon idea.)
- Mr. Keech is doing something for the Seniors. Senior message etc.
- Use Drum Corps idea and work with alumni
- Mr. Keech is doing a video for the event and do the fundraising online.
- The senior event and webathon will be two separate events.
- We have videos back to the 80's and pictures back to the 70's.

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- Pencil in November 1st for the telethon.
- Idea to use a bidding site for items to auction. www.biddingforgood.com/auction.biddingforgood.action.
- Idea on the table to do a store with old logos to raise money.
- Jess S will run fundraising telethon.
- Special meeting for the telethon.
- Email Jess S if you are interested in being involved at invitational@abbimusic.org

Odds and Ends:

- Dave would like a list of 2 to 3 things to we could do to keep motivation going. Please email Dave.
- Use our down time to paint signs fix things clean stuff up. Use time wisely to accomplish things.
- Would like to see stuff for seniors from chaperones.
- New sign for Spaghetti Dinner.
- Looking into having a virtual sponsorship this year.

- ABBI to donate or purchase bell covers and masks for all bands. Get the information together now for the October meeting. Mr. Guillen does not have time right now to research. Carlos Velez has stepped forward to research and Mr. Guillen will get the number of students. Veronica will contact the ASOA to see if they are willing to piggyback with this.
- Our next meeting is Thursday, October 8th. via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jess Schleicher and a second was made at 8:45 p.m.