

ABBI General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021

I. Call to order

Dave Kamen called to order the general meeting of ABBI at 7:01 p.m. on May 6, 2021 via Zoom Call.

II. Present

David Kamen, Beverly Embry, Darrell Keech, Veronica O'Hearn, Evan R zodkiewicz, Eileen Eckert, Judy McGuire, Carlos Velez, Susan Smith, Lesley Harrison, Melissa Palestro, Jess Schleicher, Brian Laferriere, Christine Lent.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion to accept the distributed minutes was approved by Carlos Velez. A second by Jess Schleicher and approved by the board.

IV. Directors Report

Mr. Keech announced the Spring Concert schedule is up. Tuesday May 25 is the Band Night at Freedom Park with a rain date of May 27. Thursday, June 3 is the Jazz night with a rain date of June 10. At the time of the meeting there will be 200 spectators in addition to the band students allowed to attend each event. They are asking each family to leave after their child's performance. Band directors are working on live streaming to the FaceBook world for those families who can not attend. Wind Ensemble concert is being held on Thursday, June 17th at AHS. It will be held indoors with a maximum capacity of 100 participants. Senior invites will be sent first. This event will be live stream thru Local Live. Marching band kick off date is May 23 and will use local live to stream meeting. The Directors are working on options for Senior recognitions. They will students know what is going on. Mr. R zodkiewicz announced that NYSMMA results are backlogged right now. More information to come. Jazz Machine and Jazz 2 will perform at the Union Vale Community Day. As of this meeting this event will be open to parents and may be open to the public. Mr. R asked for band parent volunteers to run tables at each event. Mr. Keech gave us a AHSMB update. There are new students in both guard and percussion groups. Andrea Hagen is working on prices for the uniforms for the season. We will be moving to Family Id for this season's

registration. Deposits will be made via PayPal to the ABBI account. There will be no extra uniform items this season. The background check will be a computerized process.

Question on the floor by Dave Kamen: Is Cuttime up and running? Mr. Rzdokiewz and Mr. Keech have been working on updating and it is about 90% up to date. By the Summer and next school year it should be 100% up to date. They will upload information from Family Id to make this happen. We can use Cuttime to get information out. Comment from the chat.

Action items on the table:

We will need to get an email out about Adams Gift Cards to the family. **(Done)**

Preshow shop is open until May 9 and will need to be reopen for the May and June concert dates. Jess is reaching out to Jenn Nesbitt to confirm.

Dave mentioned he would like stage time to speak to parents. He is looking for a couple minutes at the concerts and at the AHSMB kick off meeting. Mr. Keech will work with Mr. Guillen on this.

Eileen brought up the guard team possibly performing at the Union Vale Community Day with Mr. Rzdokiewicz.

V. Treasurer Report

Overall Financials –

Payments were made to:

Marching Band Spring Expenses (\$977.41).

Award Expenses (\$362.00)

Money was deposited from:

Adams gift card profit (\$100)

There will be another deposit in May for Adams gift cards and also for the sale of Jazz merch (\$50)

A draft of the 21-22 budget has been sent to the finance committee. I am waiting to hear if any changes need to be made before presenting it to the Board.

Other

Donations made to the SPCA and St. Judes in memory of Judy Marer.

Financial Committee will present budget next month.

Judy also mentioned that Summer Band is back on.

A motion on the floor to accept the Treasurer report was accepted by Eileen Eckert, a second was made by Christine Lent and the board was all in favor.

VI. Committee Reports

Communications

There is a fundraising opportunity with Hudson Valley Cold Pressed Oils. The board received an email from Mr. Guillen. Does anyone know what this is about? Dave Kamen will reach out to get more information. **Done on 5/18/2021.**

Invitational/Webpage (Jess):

Jess had posters made for open volunteer positions and ABBI. Also had a Marching Band poster made. Jess removed the fundraising link from the webpage and made a form for parents who would like to volunteer. Jess needs need pit crew information from Brian L. Jess will add ABBI newsletter information. Jess shared the draft copy of the newsletter during the meeting and Dave requested for the newsletter to be sent out before the upcoming concerts. Jess will remind Dave to write up a piece for the newsletter. A suggestion of adding departing Seniors into the newsletter. Mr. Keech will verify and send this information to Jess and Dave. Jess is working on sending information to Lesley to share on our social media accounts.

Social Media:

Lesley has no information to share only what she has received from Jess. Please send photos to Lesley of activities we are doing with the different groups. Dave was wondering what our statistics of likes and followers we have. As of 5/6/2021, we have 826 followers and 771 likes.

Good & Welfare:

Donations were made to the ASPCA and St. Judes by ABBI in memory of Judy Marer.

Merchandise:

Dave has requested for the shop to be reopen for the upcoming concerts. Jess will reach out to Jenn.

Adams Gift Card:

There was a profit of \$775.00 from gift card sales.

Uniforms: (Mr.Keech)

We are currently vetting prices and collecting all information at the kickoff meeting. We will be outfitting 70 new students this season. A rookie will be any student that has never been in a uniform and a veteran will be students that have been in uniform. August will be uniform fitting. Guard will be measured and matching suits.

Nominating Committee:

Eileen mentioned posters will be placed at upcoming events. There is an extensive need for volunteers. QR codes will be on posters and on Social Media posts.

Scholarships:

Susan Smith has a Google form going to Jess by tomorrow for the scholarships. Susan is waiting for a call back from Paul Effman about scholarship. Due date for submissions from students is June 1, 2021 and they will be announced at the Wind Ensemble concert.

Band Camp:

Mr. Keech is waiting for guidance from the school district.

Invitational:

Start to solicit for help for the Invitational now. Will there be food?

Props/Pit:

Brian has about 12 people right now on the pit. We may need a couple more people for next year. Trailers are ready to go today. Licensed, registered and the floors have been sealed. Mr. Keech and Mr. Rzodkiewicz are asking for some help from pit parents to load the trailers for the concert at Freedom Park on May 25th. Parents to arrive at the

school between 1:15 and 1:45 to load. Also, need help on the 26th to unload the trailers. Vaccines are not required, just a health screening. Percussion and music stands will need to be loaded. Brian will send an email and send a reminder email to Dave. Discussion about the time of loading trailers because of dismissal and traffic.

Miscellaneous:

The meeting for June 17th needs to be moved because of concerts and no Directors present. Agreement to move the meeting to June 8th at 7 p.m. Lesley will send information out on Social Media. The upcoming meeting will include budget and officer vote. Dave thanked all the Directors, Board and Committee members.

VII.Adjournment

Dave Kamen

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Embry