

# **Arlington Band Boosters Inc.**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 2, 2021

### **Opening**

The general meeting of the Arlington Band Boosters Inc. was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Arlington High School by Dave Kamen.

### **Present**

Dave Kamen, Eileen Eckert, Beverly Embry, Jenn Nesbitt, Judy McGuire, Brian & Renee Laferriere, Christine Lent, Nicole Raskopf, Carlos Velez, Dan Jacobs, Susan Smith, Rob Atkins, Holly Seibert, Alan (webmaster), Paula Wraftner, Jaya Save-Mundra, Kristin and Lou Bielanos.

### **Pre-Meeting**

Mrs. Keech is willing to help with pictures on September 11, 2021.

Order extra merchandise for on hand inventory. Sell old for \$5.00.

Invitational shirt gray shirt with blue plus shield and schools listed. Jenn will call Amber.

Bolts for guard poles may be in the sea container. Dave and Brian will take a look.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes for the August 5, 2021, were distributed via email and handed out at the meeting. A motion on the table to accept the distributed ABBI meeting minutes from the August 5, 2021, meeting by Dave Kamen. It was accepted by Jenn Nesbitt and a second was given by Brian Laferriere. All board members were in favor.

### **Treasurer Report**

Summer Band should be a wash.

Reimbursement for fingerprints. Bring your receipt to Judy McGuire for a refund check for \$102.

If you are donating your cost, get a refund check from Judy and donate the money back to ABBI. It helps with proper fund management and keeps it clean.

There are AHSMB funds holding in the PayPal in the amount of \$4000.00.

IBM will match up to \$10,000 and give money for volunteer hours back to ABBI. We currently have a couple families take part in this.

A motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Dave Kamen. Jenny Nesbitt accepted the motion and Eileen Eckert made a second. All board members voted in favor.

### **Directors Tidbits**

Mr. Guillen requested \$500 from ABBI to cover the cost of two students who are attending NYSMMA, The cost per student is \$550 and ABBI will subsidize \$250 for each student.

Full band rehearsals and lessons are being held with 3 feet apart policy.

Mr. Guillen thanked ABBI for all their support.

### **New Business**

All committee staff is almost filled.

All ABBI members must use Abbimusic.org emails for communications. Please see Jess Schleicher if you need an email.

All committee heads need to attend or submit a report to Dave Kamen (President), Eileen Eckert (Vice President) or Beverly Embry (secretary). Please let Dave know if you cannot attend so he can adjust his agenda.

We received a grant from the Dutchess County Learn Play Grow in the amount of \$20,000. Dave is waiting for the final requirements from Dutchess County on how we can use the funds. Owen Wraftner (band family member) works on the committee for Dutchess County.

A band parent has generously donated a Hot Air Balloon Ride Basket for the Invitational. The value of the ride is \$275.00.

Concerns were brought up from the photo and yearbook committee regarding students' pictures being on Facebook. They were wondering if we need a legal disclaimer on our page. If the page is run by a school faculty member there is no need to have a disclaimer. ABBI Facebook may need a disclaimer. Arlington Marching Band page does not need a disclaimer as it is facilitated/moderated by Mr. Keech. As of this meeting no student has

opted out of photos taken. We can continue to post photos to AHSMB Facebook page. If a person downloads a photo from the page and uses it, in a negative manner it is not at the fault of the band. Going forward ABBI will share from the Marching Band page and ensemble pages to the ABBI FB page.

**Invitational News (Covid):**

- It's a go.
- If it rains the event will be cancelled. NYSFBC will pay fees if this happens to judges.
- Brainstorm about rentals. Use Durant? Jess will call about the refund policy.
- Need tents for event. We will need 2- 10x10 on the field for the event.
- There is no Mic in the press box. We need to check wifi in the press box. Judy will help with the get a wifi box.
- Will there be food. YES! How do we not lose money if it is cancelled? Apples and beverages will be donated.
- Look for donations of ketchup and mayonnaise packets.
- Bathrooms- no one in the school without being a volunteer. They will be opening extra bathrooms. Teacher bathrooms will be open for the judges.
- PortaJohns- we usually have two. We may need to rent more. (Jess will call). Holly Seibert might have a resource for a Porta John. Herring Sanitation. Spent \$290.00 last time for two.
- Judges will be fed in the courtyard. Food will be self serve.
- Bus drivers not being fed.
- There will be no trophies this year. We will be using certificates for all the bands.
- Ticket Presale- will have non-refundable on every ticket.
- Tabulators will be in the booth. Two judges on top and two inside. Depends on Dr. McDonald. Jess is reaching out to Jen Kender to be a tabulator.

- Help needs currently: 50/50, baskets, merchandise, apple crisp, beverage.
- Question about where we are setting up booths?
- Enter thru the arch to attend and exit via the road to leave. Will use a traffic stopper for the flow of people.
- Eileen needs a play-by-play book for beverages.
- We need volunteers for committees.
- Sponsorship form needs to be fixed.
- Jenny Nesbitt is doing the program.
- Holly Seibert will be at the First Aid tent.
- Merchandise will bring their own tables and tent.
- Looking for students who may need volunteer hours to help.
- Will have hand sanitizing stations to use.
- We will have an Invitational meeting in 2 weeks even if we must do via Zoom call.

### **Committee Tidbits**

- Webmaster-emails need to be updated with Jess. The committee and board are all setup in BlueHost.
- Social Media- need more post on the FB pages. Post tag sale on all Arlington pages.
- Good and Welfare: \$100 gift card to Athena Gyro was purchased for the Delgoumase family.
- Baldwinsville update- lumber and supplies for props were damaged in the fire.
- We need a Sponsorship and Fundraising Chair. Jen Nesbitt has taken on Sponsorship.

- Merchandise- the store closes on September 5<sup>th</sup> at midnight.
- Adams Gift Card- We made a \$520 profit on the last sale. \$193.75 went to tour fees and \$331.00 went into the instrument fund. There will be another sale mid-September to go towards the final tour fee.
- Photos and Yearbook- Sectional and Senior photos are done. The photo team is working on setting up the website to purchase photos. Document everything in play by play book so it can be passed on to someone else. Full Band photo to be taken in October? Are fields reserved for the September 11, 2021 date for photos? Email thru Cut Time about the photo disclaimer. Dropbox is not free. It cost \$300.00 annually for a 5 TB. There is a yearbook/phot meeting tomorrow. Question later about YB looking for the software to make YB pages?
- Cookie Dough orders are due September 14, 2021.
- Tag Sale will be run by Rob Atkins this year. Thank you for taking this challenge on. It will be held on September 25. Rob is working with Vita on how to run the tag sale. He needs the following: the banner, student volunteers, merchandise table and granola bars, tents for rain, and access to gator and trailer. Leftover clothing will go to Eileen for the colorguard clothing drive. We need to contact Loretta from central office to confirm spot and the use of the bathrooms. Table request goes to Mr. Keech or Mr. Guillen. May need a person to stay Friday into Saturday to watch stuff. We need to list in the flyer the things we want and don't at dropped off. Tag Sale needs to be emailed out to families.

### **Final action**

Introduction of members in attendance at the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Dave Kamen made a motion to adjourn the ABBI general meeting. It was accepted by Brian Laferriere and a second by Eileen Eckert. All board members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The next ABBI meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Place to be determined. Meeting has now been moved to Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Embry