

Arlington Band Boosters

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Arlington Band Boosters was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on November 4, 2021 at Arlington High School Band Room by David Kamen.

Present

Dave Kamen, Eileen Eckert, Beverly Embry, Melissa Palestro, Brian Laferriere, Dan Jacobs, Jenn Nesbitt, Jess Schleicher, Christine Lent, Carlos Velez, Paige Huchro, Nicole Raspkopf, Katina Kwong, Rob Atkins, Andrea Hagan, Darrell Keech, & Evan R zodkiewicz.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 14, 2021 meeting were distributed to the board members via email by Beverly Embry.

A motion was made to accepted and approve the above meeting minutes was given by Dave Kamen. It was approved by Brian Laferriere and second by Eileen Eckert. All board members were in favor.

Treasurer Report

See attached last page

A motion on the floor to accept the Treasurer Report by Dave Kamen. It was approved by Beverly Embry and second by Melissa Palestro. All board members were in favor.

Directors Report (Mr.Keech & Mr. R zodkiewicz)

- ABBI did a “pass the shako” at the send off show and collected \$2,720 for the Sachem Marching Band. Of the \$2,720 collected, \$1000.00 was matched by ABBI.
- Uniform turn is Monday, November 8, 2021
- AHSMB Awards night is Tuesday November 9, 2021

- Mr. Keech discussed how happy he was with the results of Dome.
- Winter programs are beginning shortly.
 - Staff for winter programs-
 - Jazz-Mr. R zodkiewicz
 - Winter Percussion- Vasheesh
 - Winter Guard- Bert Cousins
 - Middle School Winter Guard- Shannon Gilluihy
- Winter groups practice groups are as follows:
 - MiddleSchool Guard- Lagrange Middle School
 - High School Guard- AHS Gyms 8/9
 - Winter Percussion- AHS music area
- Trips and travel are still allowed. Mask most likely required. More information to follow.
- Concert Bands will be in December.
- Mr. R zodkiewicz spoke about the successful and emotional the band season was.
- We need to come up with a better way to recruit the 8th graders.
- Jazz groups start next week.
- We are doing Jazz Cab this year.
- All County will be held in January at AHS and there is no ABBI support needed.
- Bonezana was a huge success.
- Directors are asking families to please support the winter groups as they would the band.
- Prisms will be on hold for another year due to Covid protocols.

President Report (Dave Kamen)

- We need to close out marching band. Dave requested inventory of items left over from the marching band season. Ie, cups, granola bars, soda etc.
- No cups needed for band camp next year. Use what is in the shed first.
- Eileen Eckert has the spare key for the shed right now.
- Learn, Play, Grow, Create grant. Dave and Mr. Keech have been having discussion on where to use grant. Some items are winter ensemble tour fees and other long-term items. We need to vote in when the final numbers are set.
- Dave announced Jeannine Quinn as the new community person.
- Mission statement. Do we have one? Yes, it is on the website. Dave would like to change and get it out to the public.

Committee Reports:

Yearbook (Katrina Kwong)

- YB Final numbers:
 - 80 pages cost \$1768, 35 personalized pages \$1271, Net cost \$497
- Cover Art Contest winning prize \$25 certificate good towards merchandise, photo, or yearbook personalize page purchase. Need the president's signature.
- Yearend Video/Slideshow is a work in progress by Dan and Pat.

Festival of Lights & Holiday Shop (Eileen Eckert)

- Pleasant Valley has scaled back this year's event.
 - Middle School Guard usually sells lights and are not going to this year.
 - Eileen asked ABBI members if they wanted to sell something.
- Lagrange Festival
 - Outdoor playing is not optimal, and we cannot sell anything.

- No fundraising opportunity and there will be stationary floats only.
- Mr. Rzodkiewicz feels we do not have enough brass players to do this.
- Holiday Shop
 - Items included will be the following:
 - Wine from Millbrook Winery
 - Cookie Box from the baker who made the cookies.
 - Personalized ornaments
 - Possible Christmas Ball with logo
 - Arlington Ink Apparel

Store will open next week after the AHSMB awards night. December 13th the items should be in.

- Allan feels we should not be handling customers credit card numbers. We use PayPal now but there are fees. Allan suggested we get a Square account. We. ABBI personally cannot sell the wine because we need a liquor license. Have Millbrook make a Google Form to send orders and credit card info to them. Millbrook has done a code for other organizations. Eileen will reach out to Millbrook Winery for help.

Fundraising (Eileen Eckert)

- Winter Guard Spaghetti Dinner will have an auction. It will be held on March 13, 2022.
- 55th Anniversary Gala Event idea
 - Need a target date- Dave suggested Summertime.
 - Hold it for the community and not the band families.
 - Do not do the Invitational weekend- Andrea
 - April time frame the small ensembles would be ready.

- 2017- 50th Anniversary Gala had a silent auction and it was pointed at alumni. (Carlos and Mr. Rzodkiewicz)
- Dave wants to promote ABBI @ the Gala and host in the Spring of 2023.
- Mr. Rzodkiewicz asked when was ABBI founded?
- Community is accustomed to the AHSMB and not ABBI. The band would be the bigger selling point.

Photos (Dan Jacobs and Paige Huchro)

- All photos have been uploaded. The committee is currently working on Send off show/Senior Day photos.
- Current sales from photos are \$5,400 with a profit of \$3,400.
- All pictures are available at AHSMB awards night.

Chaperones (Andrea Hagan)

- Andrea has receipts to give from the season.
- She also has money for spirit A's and uniform accessories. She will be getting the money to Judy.

Pit Crew (Brian Laferriere)

- all pit crew stuff is done for the season.

Adams Gift Cards (Melissa Palestro)

- recent gift card numbers are as follows:
- \$825.00 profit of this \$102.50 went to student tour fees and \$722.50 to the Instrument fund.

Next Meeting Information:

Dave Kamen will be out of town at the next ABBI meeting. It will be held December 2, 2021 via ZOOM link.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the ABBI general meeting at 8:08p.m by David Kamen. It was accepted by Eileen Eckert and approved by Melissa Palestro. The next general meeting will be at 7:00p.m on Thursday, December 2, 2021, via Zoom.

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Embry

Treasurer's Report

Prepared November 3, 2021 by Judy McGuire (treasurer@abbimusic.org)



Overall Financials

- Payments were made to:
 - o Various vendors – MB, Percussion, Pit, Electronics, Props (\$1,501.85)
 - o Cookie Dough - (\$6,484)
 - o Let's Get Personal Merchandise - (\$605)
 - o Shootproof/Dropbox for Photos - (\$800.95)
 - o Adams Gift Cards - (\$8,250, however, deposit of \$9,100) will be made in November)
 - o Invitational Expenses – (\$10,318.34)
 - o Dome Travel/Food – (\$11,664)
 - o Dome Merchandise - (\$2,079.33)

- Money was deposited from:
 - o MB Tour Fees (\$11,905.95)
 - o Novelties and Merchandise (\$1,797.11)
 - o Sponsorships (\$3,893)
 - o Donation from Network for Good (\$700)
 - o Invitational (\$20,615)

Income \$38,911.06 minus Expenses (\$41,703.47) for the month is (\$2,792.41)

Cash Balances

| | As of Jun 30 | As of July 31 | As of Aug 31 | As of Sept 30 | As of Oct 31 | As of Nov 3 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Rhinebeck CD | \$7,268.27 | \$7,268.27 | \$7,268.27 | \$7,282.02 | \$7,282.02 | \$7,282.02 |
| MB Capital Fund | \$7,744.25 | \$7,745.90 | \$7,747.55 | \$7,749.15 | \$7,750.80 | \$7,750.80 |
| Assistance Fund | \$1,778.80 | \$1,778.88 | \$1,778.96 | \$1,779.04 | \$1,779.12 | \$1,779.12 |
| Checking | \$26,975.06 | \$24,334.25 | \$26,300.20 | \$47,657.19 | \$57,646.97 | \$46,672.93 |
| Instrument Fund | \$7,427.61 | \$7,427.93 | \$7,428.25 | \$7,428.56 | \$7,428.88 | \$7,428.88 |
| Future Uniforms | \$8,552.86 | \$8,553.23 | \$8,553.60 | \$8,553.96 | \$8,554.33 | \$8,554.33 |
| Money Market | \$1,386.90 | \$1,386.98 | \$1,387.06 | \$1,387.13 | \$1,387.21 | \$1,387.21 |
| Total | \$61,133.75 | \$58,495.44 | \$60,463.89 | \$61,837.05 | \$91,829.33 | \$80,855.29 |