

Arlington Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

The General Membership meeting of the Arlington Band Boosters was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on March 21, 2024 via Zoom by Dave Kamen.

Present

Dave Kamen, Eileen Eckert, Beverly Embry, Karen MacNish, Eric & Barbara Gillman, Nicole Raskopf, Paula Wrafter, Andrea Hagan, Barabara Desilets, Matt Somma, Evan Rzodkiewicz, Darrell Keech, and Rob Atkins, Alan Labouseur and Rich Guillen.

Approval of Minutes

February minutes will be distributed later. This item has been tabled.

Treasurer Report: (Nicole Raskopf)

Items reported by Nicole:

- Admiral Winterguard. Winter Percussion and Cadet Guard tour fees are coming in.
- Music in the Parks and Summer Music fees are coming into account.
- On going problem with Square with trying to figure out what the payments belong to. There are \$14,000 in funds in Square that need to be rectified.
- Winterguard Home Show is not recorded on this P&L.
- Comments from Alan and Mr. Rzodkiewicz: Music in the Parks is coming through on JotForm. Alan Labouseur helped to set it up, not all transactions will be \$125. Chaperones pay a different amount.
- Can we put something in the memo line to let us know what the payments are?
- Nicole, can you send a screenshot to Evan with Summer Music?

- Net Income of \$11,000 right now.
- Rhinebeck CD discussion. Finance committee discuss making an investment to help with the musical arts program. Tuba loan is paid off. This was used when taking out the loan.
- Bylaws have no ratio of funds between liquid and reserve.
- Discussion about taking some out of the checking account. We will work with the finance committee on this.
- Are we on track with the budget? We will circle back to this question.

A motion on the floor by Dave Kamen to accept and approve the December Treasurer Report. The motion was accepted by Alan Labouseur and seconded by Paula Wrafter. Most of the board members were in favor of this motion.

Directors Report: (Mr. Rzodkiewicz)

Jazz season is underway. Jazz Cab planning is happening. Guest Conductor and Ninth grade concert went well. Thank you to ABBI for helping the conductor. Music in the Parks payments are going along, and it has been smooth sailing.

Alan talked about the membership for JotForm.

NYSMMA is April 26 and there is a need for adult volunteers.

Director's Report: (Darrell Keech)

Cadet winterguard has had huge improvements. Congrats to Shannon and the guard is headed off to Mid York Champs on April 6th.

Winter Percussion- there was a snafu with transportation, there was an issue with a late pick-up problem. The group heads to MAC Champs on April 13th.

Admirals Winterguard- Lizzie is a show that Bert has wanted to do for years. April 8th will be the send off to Dayton show for the Admirals. On April 12th they will be heading to Dayton, Ohio for the WGI World Championships.

Thank you to all the staff of the winter programs. Thank you to the school district for providing us with drivers and truck for the trip to Dayton, Ohio. Dave is going to write a thank you letter to the district for the support. Thank you to the Interim Superintendent.

Spring break will be later next year and will not affect the =winter programs like this year.

Thank you to Eileen Eckert for organizing and running the Home Show.

Fall uniform design is done. Thank you to Andrea Hagan and Mrs. Keech. We are not sure if the uniforms will be in for this fall season. Ticket price for 150 uniforms are \$99,618.50.

Interviews for leadership are done. There will be a smaller leadership team with higher standards. April until November 1st. This will be different than previous years. The season may run later than usual this year. There is a potential to go to Met Life stadium after Dome. Leadership will be asked how they feel about this idea.

Director's Report (Rich Guillen)

Mr. Guillen thanked ABBI for subsidizing the Jazz Machine trip to Maryland. Looking forward to doing it again next year.

NYSMMA is April 26th and 27th. Volunteers are needed, students and adults. A message went out in Parent Square. It will be from 3p.m. to 5p.m. 150 more students.

Jazz Cab May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Elementary school concert is that night and the 23rd is a give back day. We will open the doors at the same time.

Mr. Guillen thanked all his colleagues.

Dave Kamen thanked the leadership of the Winter guards and Winter Percussion: Shannon, Bert, Euni, Becky, JJ, Kelsey, and James Paul. Thank you to Andrea for chaperoning and helping with the winter season.

Vice President Report (Eileen Eckert)

Thank you for recognizing all the groups. We had a record-breaking home show with 376 attendees. 2023 had 264 attendees. We made \$6,609 @ the show which included the door, baskets, and concessions.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the clothing drive. We collected 17,000 pounds of clothes and made 20 cents a pound. We profited \$3,402 from this event.

Jazz Cab (Karen MacNish)

February/March meetings for parents. Karen may possibly have a co-chair parent. They will be meeting after Spring Break.

Nicole: We are low on jazz merchandise. Do we want to order more merchandise? We sell a lot of PJ pants and car magnets.

Dave:

Is there value in having a table up at NYSSMA?
Let's order PJ pants and carry it over.

Nicole:

How many do we want to order? 5 pairs of each size? What is the turnaround time?

Dave and Karen agree that we should order merchandise for the event.

Nicole mentioned that the minimum buy is different with every item.

A motion on the floor for ABBI to purchase \$1500.00 worth of Merchandise. Approved by Karen MacNish and second by Eileen. Most of the board was in favor.

Lisa Sassi and Nicole Raskopf will run the merchandise table at Jazz Cab.

Nicole asked what kind of merch we would sell at NYSSMA?

People are coming in and out all day long. There are students across the county participating from 4/5th grade and up. This event rotates schools It is held on April 26th and 27th. April 26th is the Junior Prom.

Budget: (Nicole Raskopf)

We had an increase on all income. We are at a surplus compared to the budget.

ASOA (Paula Wrafter)

9th grade concert and POPS concert went well. The slate for next year is ready and will be voted on in May.

Finance Committee (Eric Gillman)

we need volunteers for the finance committee. Eric and Nicole will be on the finance committee and Matt and Eric will figure out the rest of the committee.

Scholarships (Melissa Palestro)

We have 2/\$500 ABBI scholarships and 1/\$500 Paul Effman scholarship. We need a committee to review the applications. Melissa has asked Paula and one other person to help.

Pit Crew (Barbara Desilets)

Pit Crew email is not working. Need to have fixed.

Other:

Valedictorian is coming from the Marching Band and the Salutatorian is an Orchestra student.

Leadership training for the leadership team.

Nominating Slate:

ABBI Committee Positions							
Position	Name	Position Available	Notes	Voting Power	Term	Election Year	
President	Matt Somma	Jun-25		yes	1 year	2025	
Vice President	Eileen Eckert	Jun-25	child graduates 2025	yes	1 year	2025/grad2025	
Secretary	Alicia Madramo	Jun-25		yes	1 year	2025	
Treasurer	Eric Gillman	Jun-26		yes	2 year	2026	
Director 1	Karen MacNish	Jun-26	child graduates 2025 (verify)	yes	2 year	2026	
Director 2	Barbara Gillman	Jun-26		yes	2 year	2026	
Director 3	Rob Atkins	Jun-25		yes	2 year	2025	
Director 4	Nicole Raskopf	Jun-25	Child graduates 2025	yes	2 year	2025	
Director 5	Lisa Sassi	Jun-25		yes	2 year	2025	

Beverly Embry cast 1 voted for the nominating slate read at the meeting. These positions will start in April -June when the new member will take over.

We need to go back to in person meetings so we can communicate better and socialize with other members of ABBI. We need more casual collisions to help ABBI.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 25, 2024, in person at AHS. The meeting has been rescheduled to the Executive session for May 2, 2024.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dave Kamen to adjourn the ABBI general meeting at 7:56 p.m. Accepted by Eileen and approved by Eileen Eckert. All members were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Embry