

BBOB General Meeting

October 2, 2018

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

In Attendance: Alan Posner, Scott Wolf, Susan Mashburn, Mary Spiegel, Jennifer Kadans, Wendy van Duijvenboode, Jenny Thai-Tang, Susan Richardson, Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari, Karen Russo, Laurie Runk, Rick Kruger, Bruce Burnham, Diana Chen, Felix Li, Kirk Scott, Maki Koda, Marilyn Kales, Debi Allison, Nancy Simoni, Julia Schenke, Sara Bicos, Ban Yaladoo, Megan Liu, Bettina Boch, Faith Miller, N. Abbasou

Welcome (Susan)

- Welcome to the first BBOB meeting of the school year
- Great to see so many new faces
- Many opportunities to get involved and support the instrumental music program

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by Jennifer Kadans to approve minutes of the last BBOB meeting on June 4, 2018; seconded by Mary Spiegel; motion passed and minutes approved

Band Director's Report (Alan)

- Many new faces, please introduce yourself and who your student is
- Band camp was a huge success; great group of students to work with; special thanks to Mary Spiegel and Susan Mashburn for organizing
- Would like to keep band camp at Spring Arbor University again; hope to confirm 2019 camp dates soon
- Targeting pre-camp to be 7/23-26, and camp 7/30 - 8/4
- Marching band did well and received helpful feedback at the Groves Invitational
- Jazz Band has 45 students – double the number from last year's ensemble
- MSBOA Marching Band Festival will be hosted by BHHS on Wednesday, October 17
- Newly added performance for marching band: Bloomfield Township Open House on Sunday, October 14 from 12-1pm
- Big final week for marching band: open house, festival, final football game
- MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival information will be given to students soon; mandatory this year for students in Symphony Band
- 8 students (1 orchestra, 7 band) auditioned for the All State Ensemble

- Homecoming game went well, however, some students left school grounds to go to Starbucks; as a result, the entire marching band will be penalized and will not have their usual break during the third quarter
- This punishment may impact third quarter concessions sales from our band students, however, they will be allowed to make purchases and eat before the game as there will be no pre-game performance due to senior recognition night
- Marching band students will be excused from classes on the Halloween half day to participate in the tradition of performing at all three middle schools in the morning; they are allowed to dress in costume but must follow guidelines
- Received notification of approval of a \$1500 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs; special thanks to Jenny Thai-Tang for working over the summer to finalize all the necessary paperwork for the application

Orchestra Director's Report (Scott)

- Volunteer sign-up list for marching band festival went out to students (to be managed by Scott); volunteer sign-up list for parents will be sent separately (to be managed by Mary)
- Eleven marching bands will perform at festival; first band will arrive at 4pm and take the field at 5pm; BHHS will perform last at 8:15pm
- Senior concerto applications are being accepted; students are encouraged to select a concerto piece that the school already owns, otherwise the expense of purchasing a new concerto score would need to come out of the school budget or be a donation from the student's family
- Chamber orchestra also increased in number this year to 25 students
- Premier Concert on October 23 featuring all choir, black hawk band, and all orchestra
- Would like to set a fundraising goal of \$25,000 for clinicians
- Much appreciation to the families that made a targeted donation to help fund an immediate harp rental (we have three harp students and the school only owns 2 harps)

Treasurer's Report (Jennifer)

- The 2018-19 budget outlines income projected from various fall fundraising sources

- Over the summer, we were able to fund the purchase of a digital metronome for marching band through a direct appeal campaign as it was not budgeted for originally; handwritten thank you cards were sent in September
- The first ever bowling party fundraiser was successfully held on the Saturday between pre-camp and marching band camp; raised about \$485
- Band and Orchestra lawn signs was also a new small fundraiser
- With festival and one football game to go, we are projected to be on track to hit our goal of \$8000 in net profit from concessions
- Membership/donations and uniform cleaning fee collections are also on track

General Agenda

- Marching band uniforms: to be turned-in immediately after the last football game on October 19; if it is not raining, rain coats will be collected upstairs before pre-game practice
- Concert uniforms: there are still 20 students that need to be fitted; 3 male students need boys size tuxedos; as a school expense, these need to be ordered by the school; Alan will get a quote
- Total fittings: 148 marching band uniforms, 376 concert uniforms
- New uniforms: can be bid out every five years per Scott; need to give the school board a proposal for new uniforms by this December
- Marching Band Festival: need many volunteers; need orchestra parents to cover concessions shift during BHHS performance so marching band parents can watch their students; will be a fun evening as there are some really big bands participating
- Harp: overdue for maintenance (in Chicago) at 12 years old and 15 years old; Marshall and Shar do not service harps; Ruth Meyer, EMU professor and local harp instructor provides minor maintenance when needed; each harp should have an extra set of strings/wires, which are only available online; discussion about whether the school or BBOB should be paying for 2 invoices received for harp wires; Scott has applied for a BHS Foundation grant to defray costs of harp rental and strings/wires (pending); a third harp will remain a need in the next few years as there are current 7th and 8th grade harpists in the pipeline
- 2020 International Trip: feedback from student interest survey was positive; targeting the mid-winter break in February; will need parent chaperones; email Alan if interested in helping vet travel companies; for benchmark: Orlando cost was \$1400, Scotland was \$2600-\$3000; band has about 180 students, orchestra has about 140 students

- Open volunteer positions: maintain and update BBOB website; Gleaners food drive during Collage Concert in December; need new board members and volunteers to pass knowledge to (4/5 current board members have juniors)
- Koeze Nuts fundraiser: will be launched in November; of the profit, 50% goes to the student to defray trip costs and 50% goes to BBOB
- Insurance on the trailer: BBOB owns 1 of the 2 trailers; should officially donate it to the school; your personal car insurance will cover liability while towing the trailer; however, the contents need to be insured; speak to Tina in the district business office

Good and Welfare

- Happy Birthday to Susan!
- Thanks for accommodating a meeting date change that landed on your birthday

Adjournment at 8:11pm