

BBOB MEETING MINUTES 5/4/26(In-person and virtual)

Attendees: Becky Fitzpatrick, Vanessa Gaunt, Jim Baker, Rohini Prinja, Joceline Bair, Tim Whiting, Graham Sloan, Meg Spence, Ami Freudigman, Leigh Keiper, Sean Brennan, and Alan Posner

1. Welcome- Becky Fitzpatrick
2. Approval of minutes postponed due to Joann's absence.
3. Treasurer's Report- Vanessa:
 - a. Spring Stroll huge success \$6306 raised.
 - b. Ann Arbor Jazz Fest- charged \$75/student BBOB covered 1 student and 1 didn't attend. Total covered by BBOB- \$280 for event
 - c. Hastings- charged \$70/student and missing 2 payments. Vanessa will continue to attempt to collect those payments. 43 students attended and BBOB covered 1 student. With missing payments and covered student total BBOB covered \$333. There was also a \$98 diesel surcharge added for buses. Band camp buses will also have this surcharge, but Blue Lakes is unable to project that cost this far out from July.
 - d. Leadership Workshop- 36 students signed up and missing 2 payments.
 - e. Band Camp we have 115 students signed up and missing 15 payments.
 - f. Zeffy set up for Orchestra retreat to collect payments.
 - g. BBOB bought a pizza for a couple of schools from MSBOA Jazz Festival. Vanessa and Alan worked to collect payments from those schools. \$88.34 back from each school.
 - h. BBOB received \$760 from Koeze Nut sales in January that Mad Dog Technology still names us to receive the money. Check went to BHHS schools, but Vanessa worked to get that money back.
4. Colorguard Update- Ami
 - a. 30 season teaching coloring guard in Bloomfield Hills. Started at Andover and then continued here at BHHS. It's been 6 years since she spoke to BBOB. Wanted to talk with us about what we actually spend booster money on for the colorguard. She tries to work within the varying budget that BBOB sets out to have delegated. She buys used equipment and tries to utilize what they have by reusing the same uniform each year. Would like to have 1 thematic uniform if it fits the show this year. She brought some equipment to show. Currently Lucy Knas is making flags for us and did that for free. However, we will need to pay her this year for making the flags. Each guard member needs 2 sets to prevent the band from being slowed down and the guard not running all over the place. Flags range from \$20 for a used flag and up to \$50 for a digital print. Every year she tries to purchase just one new set of flags. This year we will have the largest guard we have ever had at 22. We have tons of flags, but not full sets. Each year she tries to buy one new set and one used set to build up inventory. For fundraising they try to sell their old flags to other bands. Last year they sold a lot

of poles that went back to BBOB to purchase them new equipment. Exploring a Youth Interest/Parent's Night Out where elementary age kids could do a craft to design their own flag and then learn a routine. Also looking to increase the use of rifles and sabers for more advanced members. They will need to purchase a few new rifles since the ones we have come from Lasher highschool. They also try to share their equipment with the winterguard if it fits their theme.

5. Orchestra Report- Sean Breannan:

- a. Derrick Hahn- Congrats to him participating in the Outstanding Soloist Competition in early April at EMU
- b. May 13th Orchestra Concert- Senior honors and awards. Vanessa and Becky will be there to hand out flowers and cookies
- c. No plans for an orchestra away trip. After a survey of orchestra families and students there was only an 11% response. Will look at it again for 2028 if families and students are expressing interest.
- d. Summer Orchestra Retreat will be held 8/28, 8/29, 8/30 based on feed back from families. Students will be able to play at the morning staff kickoff. This Wednesday info and signup for this event will go out. There will be a Zeffy link in the Google Form sign-up. Event broke even last year with the \$30 event fee. Formally asking BBOB for \$1000 for clinicians for 5 coaches for Saturday camp. Registration came with a T-shirt and a sticker. There has been an increase in participation from the first year with 18 students and then last year it was 33 students. Middle school directors doing a great job of promoting continuation in high school.
- e. Uniforms for Campus and Philharmonic will be collected after the concert. Sign-up will go out for parent help.

6. Band Report- Alan Posner:

- a. Concert went well last week and thank you to BBOB for assistance with senior gifts and recognition.
- b. Marching Band show will be announced tomorrow at 8pm on Instagram
- c. Casey Knas selected to be in the spring honors emble at OU on 5/8
- d. Traub/Reszka Scholarships swept by band students in music and art. Jacob Strutt (music), Cole Whiting (art), and Ellamarie Gordhammer.(music and art)
- e. Cliff Bells is this Wednesday. Alan has someone to pull the trailer. The kids will be fed, short set for each group, they will get an opportunity to play with a professional big band, and then a jam session.
- f. Concerto Concert 6/3-3 band, 3 jazz, and 3 orchestra see
- g. Band Camp- Alan will send out a roommate selection form for camp. Full update on camp at meeting in June.New Parent Meeting for camp on 6/9 cookies and water needed.
- h. Leadership workshop on 5/28 students find their own way there.
- i. Graduation 6/7 Symphony band this year

7. BBOB Support Needs-Vanessa

- a. Haven't had any interest in President role, Alan would like for Vanessa to remain in position. President and treasurer roles and have seamlessly been combined

for time being, ok with remaining on in both capacities but would like for Becky to continue as co-president.

- b. Put out request for VP and reiterated the need for someone that will be involved in helping make decisions and drive change.
 - c. Discussed need for involvement in other areas as well. Briefly listed larger events throughout the year that BBOB supports and the hope to get committee chairs in place.
 - d. She is working on a complete document that will outline all of the needs and determine how to best get the info out to the wider community.
8. Fundraising/Grants- Becky
- a. Continue to grow current fundraising events and request to have anyone research and write grants over the summer and beyond
 - b. It was proposed that we charge a booster fee of \$100 at the beginning of year or volunteer for BBOB support during the year. Also, it was proposed that incentives for students who have parents on the board or provide support be explored.
9. Meeting adjourned
10. Next meeting held on 6/1 virtually