

BBOB General Meeting January 12th, 2025

Attendees: Becky Fitzpatrick, Jim Baker, Joann Socha, Vanessa Gaunt, Alan Posner, Sean Brennan,

1. Welcome- New Members by Becky Fitzpatrick
2. Approval of December Minutes by Joann Socha/ Jim Baker seconded. Meeting notes posted to the website.
3. Special election for interim co-presidents- Joann Socha motioned to propose that Becky Fitzpatrick & Vanessa Gaunt act as co-presidents until a new president is found. Jim Baker seconded.
4. Director's Report - Orchestra from Sean Brennan:
 - Congrats to Derrick Hahn, junior, named principal cello for the All-State Orchestra at the MMC in Grand Rapids.
 - MSBOA Pre-Festival concert on Thursday, February 19th. Mr. Jim Van Eizenga, director of orchestras at Novi High School and president of the Michigan chapter of the American String Teachers Association, he will be clinicing our orchestra that evening in preparation for festival.
 - BHS is a host site for MSBOA festival and it is contained within the school day. Bands will be performing on Thursday, March 5th and Orchestras will perform on Friday, March 6th.
 - Follow-up on a few minor items. Next month he will have a written report for his updates. He will be sending out surveys to orchestra families to collect data on the annual summer orchestra retreat (changing date to be a week earlier in August) and developing a budget for the retreat. The timeline for this survey will need to be soon due to the need to request the space with the school by the deadline. Working to grow this event for the orchestra program. Finally, he spoke to the large donation that has furnished many expensive private lessons and clinicians for the orchestra program. Unfortunately, these funds will be depleted by the end of the school year. There was a discrepancy of \$5500 in the balance with the district business office and his records. After speaking with them he discovered that it appears that funds were used to pay a few MSBOA fees due some confusion from them. He will be meeting this week to go through their records and find which expenses should and should not have been used. He may have to cancel his April round of sectional. He is committed to drum up interest in programs that families would be interested in raising funds for. Will be difficult to replicate the funding that was previously given to the orchestra program through that large anonymous donation.
 - Still likes the idea of taking a small to medium orchestra trip in the 26-27 school year. He would like to take a group to cities with fantastic local orchestras and tourist points such as Cleveland, Cincinnati, or Pittsburg. He will be sending a survey to families to check interest on an orchestra program trip. Will need to fill at least one charter bus.

5. Director's Report - Band from Alan Posner:

- Congrats to All-State students Evan Smith in band and Kasey Knas and Jacob Strutt in jazz band in Grand Rapids.
- We had 11 students in District 4 honors band this past weekend representing the 2 concert bands, jazz band, and Addi Montgomery played bass in the symphony band.
- CMU Jazz weekend on February 5th.
- Will need help for Solo and Ensemble this year. Previously we were able to use large percussion equipment at Novi, but will not this year. We will need someone to pull the trailer Friday, February 6th and bring it back to BHS on Saturday, February 7th.
- Blue Lake is coming for scholarship auditions for band and orchestra on Tuesday. If students are interested in applying and auditioning there is no commitment to go.
- Pre-festival February 17th for campus, concert, and symphony band with Mr. Nate Lampman the former director of bands at Saline High School.
- B3 Concert with Seaholm and Groves to BHS for Symphony Band only on Wednesday, February 25th.
- MSBOA Festival at BHS on Thursday, March 5th and Friday March 6th. Lots of bands requested our site and we will be fully booked from 8-5 both days.
- In need of parents to help organize the music library. Needs to initially be able to meet with Mr. Posner during the day for instructions. Could work after school the day after then to organize. This task would require 5-10 hours to make it good and at least 20 hours to make it great and maintenance to keep it.

6. Approval of Updated Bylaws- Vanessa Gaunt has worked to get Band Camp Coordinator, currently held by Becky Fitzpatrick, into the bylaws as a voting member of the board after last summer's motion by the board to add this position. In addition, typos were corrected and wording on membership levels was updated, and corrected a role of the treasurer that was listed under the president. These bylaws have been uploaded to the BBOB website and are accessible for everyone to review. Vanessa motioned to accept these updated bylaws and Joann Socha seconded.

7. Treasurer Report-Vanessa Gaunt

December Financials:

- Panera fundraiser- \$72.89
- Collage Concessions-\$490
- Donations at Collage was approximately \$600. \$200 is going to Chorale Boosters
- Booked all charter buses through Blue Lakes to cut costs

Update on new changes for all Boosters in district

- Liability insurance required for all boosters. It will cost us \$248 annually for coverage
- FMX space requests must be completed for all spaces that we are using in the school now with 30 days notice.

8. Fundraising & Grants-Becky Fitzpatrick

- New requirements for fundraisers- See [FUNDRAISING PROCEDURES](#)
- Fundraising and Booster Support Survey Data- See [SURVEY DATA](#)
- Can Drive-Currently there are no students signed up to for the can collection day on 1/17
- Spring Stroll Auction Items-Off to a great start securing auction items. We have an iPad, Nintendo Switch 2, gift certificates/basket from Battle Novi (axe throwing), gift baskets from Sum Bridges Construction, and Perry's Tents and Events, \$140 gift card from MassageLuXe, Detroit Tigers autographed gear & tickets, and Foundry 13 gym membership.
- Discussion on making the Spring Stroll more of a gala/night out with dinner. Continued dialogue and planning would be needed to make this shift.
- Mr. Posner suggested that we may want to find one larger fundraiser to focus all efforts at one time to generate a larger sum. Will continue to explore larger scale fundraisers.
- Christina Tang extended an offer to help with grant writing.

9. Next Action Steps & Deadlines

- Booster members will continue to reach out to local businesses and band and orchestra families for auction items.
- Board will plan to market the Spring Stroll event to the larger community to increase attendance.
- Board will secure volunteers to pull a trailer to Novi for Solo and Ensemble 2/6 and to bring it back on 2/7 to BHS.
- Board will send out a request to band families to see if there are any volunteers to organize the music library and help maintain it as needed.
- Board will use Mr. Posner's Google Meets through the district or similar platform to avoid running out of time on Zoom for booster meetings moving forward.

10. Meeting Adjourn

11. Next Meeting via Google Meets, February 2nd @ 7pm (usually the 1st Monday each month)