

FOCB Officers' Meeting

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MINUTES

January 11, 2021

PRESENT: Gary Riler, Joel Pomeroy, Karen Stark, Ed Pike, Colette Livermore , Kelly Schauer; Linh Vu

GUEST: Davis Stasiuk

1. November meeting minutes – approved
2. Director's report – Gary
 - See attachment.
 - SoundTrap software - purchase approved (\$680).
 - WIBC - About 25 students are planning to submit auditions.
 - Virtual section gatherings – starting to build schedule for leadership group to meet twice per month.
 - Virtual concerts - two more tentatively scheduled. The first one will be in mid-March, and the second in mid-May will also include the awards celebration.
 - Discussion about the May concert as a replacement for Play-a-thon. Discussion that because there were few expenses this year, fundraising to replace funds used to date might not need to exceed \$3K. An alternative would be to tap business sponsors to renew.
 - Forecasting – brainstorm additional recruitment strategies, including Zoom meeting for rising freshmen to include current Seniors as presenters. Joel will spearhead effort.

3. Treasurer's report –
Per Brian's email of 1/11/2021:

"The account balance is 28478.60. We got a donation from Cindi who also helpfully noticed that the Square receipt had some outdated info on it. I corrected that. We didn't get any bites for the newsletter request for a CPA. So I'll either sit down and learn how to do the 990 or find a CPA."

4. Communications

Debbie provided link to the band photo album in hopes of getting additional pictures to use for website and newsletter.

Band photo album:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/6vg1a5Raq5HVwYpN8>

5. Action items

- Volunteer Coordinator – discussion about tapping parent (Josh Piper) to take Ed's place.
- Business sponsors - Linh to reach out to Sherie regarding status.

6. Miscellaneous

- Report from Karen regarding Oaktree as possible fundraiser. Discussion regarding sales-type fundraising as a way to allow students to individually raise funds to help defray cost of Spring trip. Because of COVID-19 safety issues, further discussion deferred until Spring.
- Guest David Stasiuk – Parent to sophomore flute player who is new to the community. David would be interested in coordinating more meetings for students.
- Succession planning for next year – begin discussion next meeting.

7. Next meeting – February 8, 2021.

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Director Report

\$\$ REQUESTS

- 1) I would like to switch to SoundTrap instead of BandLab. Cost for 140 students is \$680. This program offers more powerful tools to improve our experience in collaborating and in producing a better product.
- 2) WIBC auditions are coming. With authorization, I will pay for student auditions with the FOCB bank card in my possession.
- 3) FYI, I have purchased some music to comply with copyright for our last concert and our upcoming concert.

VIRTUAL SECTION GATHERINGS - Bringing the band family together (sort of)

This has not taken off as well as I had hoped. I will be trying to get it off the ground again this month.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZXGp3_8VWCbC0ByTcYuyWv_K1DZtSt764V6KA0FnFrk/edit?usp=sharing

VIRTUAL CONCERTS

Large group Concerts

Mid March

Mid May

Senior / Awards Celebration

Late May / Early June

FORECASTING

Very important time in my year. Active recruiting has been occurring in December and will continue through January. I believe a FOCB invite to 8th grade parents would be a helpful addition in light of our COVID situation. If an invite and link could be shared, I would be able to send that to both of the middle school band directors.