



# FRIENDS OF BERLIN MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

Olentangy Berlin High School

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<b>Date:</b> 4/15/26	<b>Called to Order at:</b> 7:05pm	<b>Adjourned Meeting at:</b> 8:09pm
<b>Recorded by:</b> Jennifer Porter	<b>Facilitated by:</b> Molly Farrell	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Fall 2026

**ATTENDANCE**  
 Board Members: Molly Farrell, Joe Meisner, Jennifer Porter, Shelly Thobe, Tiffani Tobin  
 Directors: Erin Gibbons, Jillian Henning-Toops, **Michael Reeves**, Thai Sribanditmongkol, Mark Rocco  
 Additional Members: Jessica & Eric Fertel, Meg Decker, Amy Loveland, Anne Pistone, Kylie Nicolosi, Jessica Prince

PRESIDENT’S REPORT	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of the last meeting’s minutes–<a href="#">March 2026</a></li> <li>Election of Executive Vice President and Vice President for Concessions– BOTH UNFILLED Every effort needs to be made to fill these two positions.</li> <li>Election of Treasurer for Bookkeeping–Brittney Scharver; submitted candidacy via email due to conflict tonight.</li> <li>Election of Treasurer for Concessions–Justin Griffin: submitted candidacy via email due to conflict tonight.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved: Amy L, Seconded: Joe M</li> <li>NO VOTE</li> <li>In Favor: 12 Opposed: 0 Result: Elected</li> <li>In Favor: 12 Opposed: 0 Result: elected</li> </ol>

TREASURER’S REPORT	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current bank account balance: \$191,047.62</li> <li>Current PayPal balance: \$380.85</li> <li>Director budgets - emailed to directors; theatre has been approved</li> <li>Large purchases since last meeting: band uniforms, theatre meals (in/out), OMEA fees, OBMS band commissioned music</li> <li>Upcoming purchases: hotels and flights for Broadway workshop, Indy trip expenses</li> <li>Reminder that purchases/services not included in the approved budget must be approved by the board PRIOR to purchase/obtaining service.</li> <li>Reminder to use FBPA treasurer created PayPal links for payments if you need FBPA to track payments received.</li> <li>BILL update - account created; working on creating budgets within the program, but virtual cards are now accessible; will need to decide if Shoeboxed is needed</li> <li>Social media - split between programs - band parents added, need volunteers for other programs</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action</li> <li>All Paypal fraud has been cleared</li> <li>1 good, 3 in review</li> <li>None</li> <li>Indy hotel deadline 4/22 (Amy L); medical person?</li> <li>None</li> <li>None</li> <li>Getting date for renewal; can cancel and transfer before end of term</li> <li>Need parent for each program</li> </ol>

CONCESSIONS REPORT	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring spots are currently filled.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All positions filled.</li> </ol>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Four new shift leaders have been trained and will continue through the fall.</li> <li>3. Purchases- replaced a broken nacho cheese machine. Purchased 2 wagons for concessions.</li> <li>4. Exploring the addition of an iPad for inventory management and training guides. (We reprint a lot!)</li> <li>5. In search of a crafty parent- We are looking for someone to do a direct to fabric ink transfer for 2 new wagons FBPA has purchased. We would like the logo applied to the 600D Oxford fabric prior to assembly.</li> <li>6. No one has volunteered to run for the VP of Concessions. Discuss options for concessions if no one is willing to step up.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Lost 1, gaining 3</li> <li>3. Replace every 3-7 years; purchased 2 new wagons</li> <li>4. Use for inventory, card reader (use for indoor concessions for FBPA events) About \$400, looking for options</li> <li>5. Tiffani or Anne can ask Erica S</li> <li>6. Backup plan??</li> </ol>
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS	ACTION TAKEN
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thanks to Jennifer Porter, Becky Whitney, and Amy Loveland for working to represent FBPA at the Berkshire Middle School performance last week!</li> <li>2. Special Mention: Our sincerest thanks to VP of Concessions, Shelly Thobe and Treasurer, Tiffani Tobin, for the immeasurable hours they have volunteered in these roles over the past two years. Both of them worked to advance the efficiency and fiscal health of our organization. While they are not leaving OBHS and FBPA just yet, their time on the board ends June 30th and they will be greatly missed.</li> <li>3. Jessica Prince - middle school liaison</li> <li>4. John Pigos - sponsorships</li> <li>5. Re advertise empty roles to ensure all families have seen</li> </ol>	
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DIRECTORS' REPORTS
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**BAND:** Mr. Reeves- / Mr Rocco - incoming 6th grade #97 strings, 105 choir, 158 band (600 unique students at Berlin MS performing arts); Kings Island in May; commissioned a piece for band; OMEA large group contest in May; Band clinician next friday to get ready for OMEAs; advocated for additional Part Time staff for middle school/high school. How to do concerts for all those middle school kids: stagger performances/split ensembles;

High school - 5th quarter ideas (parents want to help)

**CHOIR:** Mr. Sribanditmongkol- Gearing up for state contests. 4 performing May 1 @ Orange HS Adv Bass 4:10pm; SAB 540pm, Concert 7:40pm, Adv Treble 8:40pm. Final concert May 20 @ 6:30; April 18 Arts Signing Day @ 11:30am in Commons (in conjunction with Arts Show) 9+ students performing

**ORCHESTRA:** Mrs. Henning-Toops- Prepping for final concert May 13; did individual strings fitting last month with help of students - went really well; Solo Ensemble successful; will continue planning Disney trip; looking at 205 seats next year; vertical fall concerts to include middle school

**THEATRE:** Mrs. Gibbons-Final dress for "Play ON" starts this week; IHS inductions next Wednesday; OBIEs in May

**Winterfest** - reformatting to a fundraiser, reserved seating, looking at ways to increase spectator seating, patron drive for seats;