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Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Fayetteville-Manlius High School Library

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Larissa Brenner, Co-President.

2. Guest Presentations and Reports

a. Mr. Polly – Fall Play

- The fall play is scheduled for November 20, 21, and 22, 2025.
- It is a three-act play with two intermissions. Mr. Polly is working on condensing the script for a reasonable run time.
- The production will be on a regular stage, allowing full seating.
- Program Design & Publicity: PR team Sarah Clark and Jessie Chin will collaborate with Mr. Polly to create posters, signage, and the show program.
- Program Ads: Cast member ads will be sold to help raise funds.
- Ticket Sales: Ticketing will be managed through TicketLeap, set up by Mr. Polly.
- Volunteers & Concessions: Backstage Backers will provide volunteers for ticket sales at each show and will organize and staff concessions.
- Hospitality: Backstage Backers will supply food for two days for the cast and crew.

b. Mr. Hebert – Music Department Updates

- Just Desserts Concert: October 25, featuring Chorale, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony.
- Pop Concert: October 29.
- All music groups have completed auditions and will be active within the week.
- All-State Results: 12 students selected, with 8 additional alternates.

c. Ms. Bizup – Pep Band

- Expressed appreciation for pep band snacks provided by the board and will submit receipts for reimbursement.

3. Board Reports

President's Report (Larissa Brenner):

- Presented a slideshow introducing new officers and their roles.
- Shared the meeting schedule for the school year.
- Facilitated introductions of all attendees, who stated their name and their student's name.

Fundraising Report (Agatha Wallen):

- Announced bottle drive total of \$441.80 and extended thanks to Caz Cans for their assistance.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Daniels):

- Presented the current financial statement (on file with the treasurer).
- A detailed financial statement is on file and available upon request.

Technology/Communications Report (Agatha Wallen):

- Introduced the new FM Backstage Backers Google Workspace for Nonprofits and announced that new organization email addresses have been created and will be shared with members.

4. Questions & Answers

- Music Trip: In response to a question from Jay Brenner, Mr. Hebert shared that the school district maintains a spending cap on student trips that has not been updated since the 1980s. A proposal to raise the cap has been submitted, but no trip details are finalized. Students will have access to participate in several fundraising opportunities throughout the school year which will go directly to their personal trip fund tally.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Larissa Brenner and Agatha Wallen, and seconded by Karrie Catalino and Melissa Daniels.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM (approx.).

Minutes prepared by: _____

Date: _____