

Minutes from the January 10, 2013 Fine Arts Boosters Meeting

Officers present included Ed Engle, Gina Gallus, Pam Vandenberg, Mike & Natalie Haverdink. Others present included Leo Timms, Diane Pierce, Layne Billings, Shelly Leiser, Ashley Brown and Amy Griffin.

3-5th Grade Intermediate Music Room--Amy Griffin (3-5 Principal) and Ashley Brown (K-4 Music) presented a list of needs for the Music Room and Band Room in the new 3-5 Building for August 2013. There is a need for a new piano. Ashley suggested a P22 Yamaha piano for approx. \$3000-4000. Amy and Layne will work out where the current HS choir piano will be next year. Jenni Thomas will still teach 5th/6th bands (which will be in two different bldgs. next year) and Ashley will teach K-6th music (also in two bldgs.) Some of the equipment is too heavy to move back and forth between the two buildings and so she is requesting a new set for the new building (xylophones, glockenspiels, claves, temple blocks, bass resonator bar) for approx. \$3900. Amy would like to know by March if FAB is willing to donate some money to these items.

Ashley Brown also mentioned having a donation basket setting out at the elementary spring concerts for parents/grandparents to make donations for a music wish list. It was decided FAB could staff the tables for those concerts which will be held at the Middle School. Feb. 26 – Kindergarten, Mar. 7 – tentative 4th Grade, other tentative dates are Apr. 11, 30 and May 14 for the other grades. Those are yet TBD because Ashley will be on maternity leave.

Super Savings Cards—Shele Blum of the Gilbert Foundation has shared information with Mike about a different coupon card to have students sell in the community. There is a company that comes in and takes care of all the details. They would give FAB a percentage of the sales or a set amount since we would be giving up our past coupon cards. In 2011, we had 6-8th grade band students each sell two cards plus the FAB sold some at concerts and other events. We made \$1373 (but lost about 50 cards by students). In 2012, we decided not to have students sell cards and we made \$1072.

Large Group Speech--Shelly Leiser brought us up to date on Large Group Speech. There are 60-70 HS students performing this year! They are divided in to JV and Varsity so they are allowed to bring more groups to Contest. Districts are Jan. 19 and State is Feb. 2. They would like to have a performance at the high school for families to come and enjoy the last week in Feb. That would be right after Individual Districts, so those students could perform, as well. FAB has provided refreshments/punch and volunteers in the past and Pam will find people when she knows more details. Shelly is also planning to set out donation baskets at the family event due to royalties being expensive for scripts used in each Large Group Speech performance.

Auditorium--The auditorium team went to 4 schools around the area this same day and Mike gave an update. The team would like to add: 1) in the scene shop, an industrial sink which was not in the original design (~ \$4000) and DLR will help with those costs. 2) in the space above the stage, a hanging track system (cost unknown) suspended from ceiling to hang flats for scenery. 3) costume storage that could be locked, scene shop tools and lockable tool storage, stools for light/sound booth, video/monitor in green room. 4) piano for stage (\$20,000). We talked about the timing of sending out a fundraising letter to patrons. Hoping to fundraise \$30,000. A separate fundraising mtg. is going to be necessary.

Memberships—As of January, we have 43 members and \$6500

Financial Report—As of January, \$10,769.34 balance. \$725 earmarked for Chris Covell memorial. \$319.26 was paid for 4 cameras for Art Dept.

Scholarship Committee—change to 6-10 members, one from faculty

By-laws—Add ex-officio member to the board from Gilbert schools, appointed by administration

Misc.--It was discussed if we should ask the administration to increase their budgets for our growing Speech/Drama Dept. Ticket taking at Fine Arts events was also discussed and what the procedure should be. Also parents of incoming Freshmen/new students need to be informed that there is a fee for these events ahead of time so they are prepared when they walk in the door to pay the admission fee.

The next meeting will be February 7—however, due to a conflict, we will begin at 6pm in the ICN Room at the High School.