

JANUARY 23, 2012 MINUTES OF THE FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by President Jay Heydlauff. The following members were in attendance: Mike and Natalie Haverdink, Pam Vandenberg, Melinda Luzbetak, George Maguire. The following staff members were also present: Kaaren Rogers, Jenni Thomas, Greg Fisher.

Kaaren discussed the choir robes situation. By Fall 2012, 16-20 robes and stoles are needed. In 2008 they cost \$150 for one robe/one stole combination. If the prices have not increased, that would mean a total of \$2250 approximately. When the new robes were purchased in 2008, patrons donated all or part of a robe, and this was a very successful fundraiser.

Large group speech Friends and Family Day is this weekend on Sunday, January 29. Approximately 120 people are expected. Cookies and punch or lemonade will be provided by FAB. Natalie, Gina and Pam will take charge of refreshments.

Two fine arts performances will be shared with Gilbert middle school students in February—Opera Iowa is coming to GMS on February 14 at 1:30, and high school and middle school performing groups will entertain at a GMS assembly on February 22 at 8:15am. Parents are welcome at both of these events.

February 23 is the next high school band/chorus concert.

Jenni discussed the upcoming middle school solo contest which is on February 27 and 28. She would like FAB members to coordinate the judges' meals again this year. Pam volunteered to single-handedly take the first night. Melinda offered to take the second night. Both will need cleanup/serving assistance. The meals will be served from approximately 6:30 to 7:00 pm both nights, and will serve approximately 12 to 15 people each night.

HOIAC is Thursday March 1 at Roland-Story. FAB will pay for the students' meals (last year it cost approximately \$336.)

The spring play will be on March 23/24, and will be directed by Virginia Beecher.

Mike discussed the FAB scholarship application form and changes were suggested. We are still planning on approximately three scholarships of \$500.

The Super Saver Cards Fundraiser was briefly addressed; due to multiple problems with getting the cards and money back from students, we will not be sending cards home with the kids this year. We will just have tables up at fine arts events and sell them there.

Acquisition of business donors was discussed. We may do something like the Athletic Boosters do, with an insert in every program (concerts, plays, musicals, etc.) The musical program was successful, but many businesses requested that we ask for the money earlier in the calendar year, as they had usually distributed all their donation funds already by the fall.

Mr. Fisher updated the FAB regarding the high school band director position. Wendy Nutini is coming back to the middle school next year. Beginning approximately February 1 of this year, the opening for the high school band director will be advertised.

Mike gave a brief update of the new auditorium. It appears that the bids were low enough that we should be able to afford all the alternates including the auditorium shell. (Ed. note: The school board did vote to approve all the alternates). Completion of the auditorium is still up in the air as those steps will be considered with a number of other district priorities. We discussed the idea of the Fine Arts Boosters fundraising for the seats. It was mentioned that we should display the actual seat when asking for donations. Ideas for guest soloists (celebrity and/or distinguished alumni) were discussed.

We will discuss new FAB officer nominations at the February meeting.

The establishment of by-laws was discussed. It is important for us to have these, with the fundraising plans in the near future. Natalie is sending emails to active members of FAB re: the sample by-laws that George Maguire drafted for us. Members can comment/edit. There may be a small group of people meeting to go over the comments and to revise the by-laws prior to the February FAB meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. Next meeting is Monday February 27 at 7:00pm in the high school ICN room.