

Minutes from October 8, 2013 Fine Arts Boosters Meeting

Officers Present: Pam Vandenberg, Gina Gallus, Byron Tinder, Mike & Natalie Haverdink.

Others Present: Diane Janvrin, Joe Metzger, Mary Consamus, James Timberland

Musical--Mike & Joe are building sets. Spent \$900 so far on materials. Needed all new flats as the old ones were extremely worn out. Adult volunteers great, could use a few more students to help out. They are meeting every Sat. at 8 am in Auditorium.

Musical Programs--Tom and Dzung Pahl are helping Joe Metzger sell ads for the programs. Gina will give Joe the names of this year's members who have volunteered for fundraising. Natalie and Gina both willing to help out with this and contact the businesses they did for the last musical. Sarah Harbacek willing to do the computer work. Artwork for each ad is due by Oct. 31. The Parent ads that can be purchased for \$10 to their student in the production are also due by Oct. 31. Natalie will send out an email to parents. It was also in the newsletter for Oct. and will be again for Nov.

Musical Treats--We decided to go with tarts--cherry, apple and chocolate. Pam will have people make 1000 which we est. to cost \$120. We also want to offer lemonade and popcorn. Refreshments will need to stay in the lobby and not be on carpeted areas. We may need to have "ushers" to guard the doors and not let food/drink be brought in. Mike H. will contact the athletic boosters about using the concession stand and popcorn machine for the musical. Pam needs people to help out with the tarts.

Band Extravaganza--Friday, Oct. 18 the 6th - 12th grade bands will perform at the halftime show of the home FB game. Wendy Nutini needs help with managing the 175 MS kids. We won't serve any snacks.

All State Auditions--Saturday, Oct. 26. There are approx. 9 band and 9 chorus students auditioning.

Membership Letters--So far we have 32 memberships = \$5600. Last year 2012-13 we had 43 memberships = \$6550. We decided to send letters to the 7th, 8th, 9th grade families only in the district. Mike and Gina will work on that. We don't have very many members with students that age. We also decided to put inserts in the concert programs for December. Mon., Dec. 2--6-8th grade Band Concert/ Tues., Dec. 3--5th Grade Band Concert/Sun. Dec. 15--Dedication Concert. The insert will have a form to fill out for membership. We may also mail a letter to the families that were members last year and haven't sent in one this year.

Financial Update--Our balance is \$11,244 (-\$4000 for choir robes that were just ordered). We have approx. \$6000 in the Scrip acct.

Piano Fundraising--The checks have been deposited and are almost \$14,000 with 2 potential donors still considering it. Shele Blum wrote receipts for the donations and Mike will write Thank yous. Midwest Piano gave Kaaren a bid of \$20,000 for a Yamaha C2X and \$25,750 for the next size. Mike will talk with Mr. Beecher to see if there are any funds available from the school to reach the amount for the bigger piano.

Band Uniforms-- Since we are still waiting for the 501c3 status and it may be a long wait, we will ask the Foundation if they would accept donations for the uniforms, as well. We might need to order 125 for the 1st order to have enough to fit next year's band and have plenty of sizes to choose from. Then another 100 in the 2nd order. Now is a good time to order, as opposed to spring since a lot of schools order then. There is a 4% discount if we pay when we order them instead of paying when they arrive. The Fundraising Team needs to meet again for this. Diane Janvrin talked about turning the overlays into bags and selling them for a fundraiser. ISU has success with that and sold them for \$40/bag. The drama dept. could use some tuxes for costumes. We could also look into selling the tuxedos to a smaller school. The overlays say Gilbert on them and probably can't be re-used. The reason we are going with new uniforms is the current style is expensive. 100 of current uniforms is \$40,000. 200 of new style is \$56,000. We will order one uniform now sized to fit a current band student. S/he must be willing to wear it to a couple of concerts as advertising for us and assist with fundraising for the December concerts. Mike will also be prepared to speak at these concerts about the band uniforms. We will have a Fine Arts display put up in the auditorium lobby.

Band Fruit Sales are Oct.31-Nov. 12. We will talk about assisting with this at next meeting.

Next Meeting will need to be changed due to P-T conferences. It will be Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7pm in LCM at HS.