

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011 FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jay Heydlauff. Members present included Julie Graber, George McGuire, Mike and Natalie Haverdink, Melinda Luzbetak and LeAnn Meehan. High school principal Greg Fisher also attended.

Mike presented his financial report, both for July –Nov 2011 and for the musical revenue/expenses. It appears that we broke even for the musical, selling almost as many business and parent ads as we spent on the musical and the program printing.

A \$500 anonymous donation for the band program was received by the Fine Arts Boosters, in remembrance of Chris Covell. The current band director will be consulted as to what is needed.

Discussed FAB memberships, potential new membership letters vs. past member letters, follow-up letters, and thank you letters. A few new memberships were acquired during the musical performances.

High school band fundraiser food will probably be coming in the week of December 5, but possibly not until the week of December 12. Many volunteers will be needed. Please contact an FAB member or HS band director for the exact day/time the food is coming, as it is not yet known.

The FAB had a large article in the Gilbert Newsletter which will continue each month, containing important events and what the FAB does with the money it raises.

The Winter HS Music Concert is coming up December 12 at 7:30pm.

Members were happy to see the pep band at a basketball game recently, and reported that they did well. We hope to see more pep band performances this winter! Members also discussed wanting to see more Jazz band and Jazz choir performances, especially for the National Anthem at games. Even the middle school musical groups could perform at some of these.

Discussed having high school band director candidates join the FAB for lunch as part of the interview process. Mr. Fisher agreed that it would be acceptable. FAB members are encouraged to contact any potential candidates and encourage them to apply for the position. Mr. Fisher discussed the interview process at a prior school where students, parents, and music staff were all involved in the interview process along with administration.

George created some sample by-laws for the FAB that he would like us to read and edit before the next meeting in January. This will help us to become a more professional organization, and to become incorporated.

It was noted that Mrs. Rogers reported a shortage of choir robes for the second semester. She may be able to purchase some used robes from Roland-Story if they match ours, otherwise she may need to buy a few new ones at \$100-\$125 apiece. A very nice letter from Mrs. Rogers was also read, thanking the FAB for their support of the musical this year.

Discussed the possibility of a debate program in the future. Currently there is not even a speech class at Gilbert. Mr. Fisher reports that in the future he would like to see speech classes including one or more college level classes, a "set" class for plays/musicals, a debate club and a tech club.

Discussed possible live streaming of fine arts concerts (no downloading or copying, no money being made off of it) in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50. Next meeting is January 23, 2012 at 7:00pm in the ICN room. There will be no meeting in December.