

## Minutes from December 5, 2013 Fine Arts Boosters Meeting

Officers Present: Pam Vandenberg, Gina Gallus, Ed Engle, Mike & Natalie Haverdink.

Others Present: Diane Janvrin, Mary Consamus, Jackie Royer, Sonya Peterson, Layne Billings, Kaaren Rogers, Bill Gallus, Melinda Luzbetak, Virginia Beecher

The auditorium grand piano arrived!! Kaaren said it sounded wonderful! There was a group meeting in the auditorium, so we couldn't go check it out. Kaaren also thanked us for the new choir robes (approx. \$ 4000) so that each student has a robe for the concert on the 15th.

**Dec. 15--Dedication Concert:** 120 students are involved, approx. 12 band alumni and 12 choir alumni. We decided to provide ushers (all of us!) to help the crowd find seats as we expect a full house again. Kaaren said the problem with pre-selling tickets is the fact that we have so many passes for people that wouldn't need a ticket. Don Knock will let us know about taking tickets and if he needs help. Gina and Diane J. can assist. The Gilbert Ed. Foundation will be selling raffle tickets at the concert. Mike is working on a plaque that names the donors for the new piano. He hopes to have it in time for the concert.

**Dec. 19--Band Caroling Fundraiser:** Arrive to band room at 6:00pm and caroling begins at 6:30. Pam has reserved the GLC for a refreshments following and is getting volunteers for treats (8-10 dozen bars and hot choc.) and servers/clean-up. Mike had 500 brochures made for passing out as kids knock on doors. Pam will put announcement on the marquis by round-about and have Penny put one in the HS. Mike will talk with John Popp. Pam and Ed are taking care of details for the flatbed the students will ride on with Ron Peterson.

**Dec. 10--Band Fundraiser Delivery:** Truck arrives 8:00am on Tuesday. Mr. Tinder, Diane Pierce, Jen Weber, Francine White and Shelly Loonan and a PE class will unload. At 2:30, the distribution will start. Jen Weber will also keep track of individual student sales. These women will take over this fundraiser for next year, as well. Yes!

**Dec. 16--Fitting Band Uniforms:** 10am Melinda L. and Natalie will assist with the measuring of students for the new uniforms.

**Musical wrap-up:** The attendance was around 1300 people! The cost of the royalties was in the \$1200-\$1375 ballpark. The treat donations brought in around \$100. We sold 29 Business ads (\$920 paid, \$750ish unpaid) and 27 Parent ads (\$290). Ticket sales were unknown at the meeting. Costumes for State Fair were approx. \$500

**New Piano:** We discussed student use of the piano. We don't want kids coming in aud. and messing around with it. However, for an accomplished piano student, we would like them to have access. Kaaren and Byron will tell the kids they need permission from one of them the day before they would like to play it. Students are not to be in the aud. without permission or unattended. Mike will get all piano donor names to Kaaren.

**Middle School Musical:** Virginia told her plans for a Feb. musical for the MS students to perform. The interest from 7th/8th graders is huge! She may need to limit it to 8th graders due to the numbers. She asked for a donation of \$500 from FAB and we voted to give her the money. We will need to charge admission, as well. Chris Billings also has budget money he can help with. Practices would be at the MS until a week or two before the performance, which would move to the auditorium.

**Can/Bottle Redemption:** The collection of cans and bottles in Gilbert brings in approx. \$300 each month. Pam, Natalie and Gayle Brown organize this. The funds earned here in 2014 will be used toward new band uniforms and choir robes. We are asking music students to each take one turn to assist with the sorting. Natalie will get a sign-up to Kaaren and Byron which will begin in January. She will also send an email to the music parents to encourage them to donate their redeemables, so that we might raise even more money.

The next meeting is moved to the 2nd Thursday in January--Jan. 9th at 7:00pm in the HS Media Center.