

FEBRUARY 7, 2011--MINUTES OF THE GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING

The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters meeting was called to order at 7:05 by treasurer Mike Haverdink, with the following other members present: Natalie Haverdink, Gina Gallus and Melinda Luzbetak. GHS principal Greg Fisher and middle school band instructor Jenni Thomas were both also in attendance for portions of the meeting.

Concerns with the Super Savings card fundraiser were brought up by Gina and by Mr. Fisher. He reported that the school board does not like the students going door-to-door. Instead, we will set up a table at the Feb. 24 concert and sell the cards there. An alternate fundraiser was discussed. It was mentioned that groups can hold dinners before Varsity basketball games. Mr. Fisher gave his approval of this idea and this will be put on the schedule for next year.

We are paying \$5 per student attending the Heart of Iowa Conference at Bondurant-Farrar for honor band/honor choir, per Mrs. Rogers. This is to pay for a meal catered by HyVee.

We had almost \$4,000.00 in memberships this year.

The bond issue was discussed and the plans for the auditorium. Mr. Fisher discussed how the FAB can be involved in the auditorium and music classrooms design. Some of the newer auditoriums to visit/call about would be Pella Christian, Grinnell, Johnston, Waverly-Shell Rock, and Aplington-Parkersburg. He suggested that the FAB meet with John and Marcia from the school board and ask them to be involved with the auditorium visits and design. He reported that there would be some swapping of equipment between the various schools. He said that Mr. Covell and Mrs. Rogers have been involved with the design of the classrooms (especially the design where the classrooms are in the gym temporarily). They have been working on acoustics, practice rooms, the possibility of retractable seating, etc., and have met with the architect, Mr. Kinley and Mr. Fisher.

DLR will be presenting their drawings at the school board meeting on February 14.

Mrs. Thomas discussed the middle school solo/ensemble contest coming up on February 28 and March 1. Melinda has written an email asking parents to volunteer to bring food/drink items for the judges, and Natalie will send it out to 7th/8th grade band parents this week. Mrs. Thomas will see if we can use Mrs. Kallal's room to warm things up, and possibly have the judges eat their meal in Kallal's room. The meal will be from 6:00 to 6:30 for all judges (approximately 15). Mrs. Thomas reported that there are a lot more solos this year (and less duets, trios, etc.) She requested that the FAB help pay for piano accompanists. She pays them \$15 per accompaniment. She has hired Amanda Jennings, who has 26 accompaniments, Bethany has 5, Michelle has 9, Angie has 10, for a total of 50 X \$15= \$750. Mrs. Thomas does quite a few of the accompaniments herself, but does not require payment. Last year half was paid by FAB and half by the school. The high school accompanists get paid \$20 per accompaniment, but they are usually more difficult pieces to perform. Later it was decided to have each 6th-8th grade band/choir student sell two Super Savings Cards to try to offset the cost of the accompanists. We make \$7.00 per card. There are approximately 136 students in 6th/7th/8th grade so we would need approximately 272 cards to be sold. We will give them about 2 weeks to sell the cards and turn in the money. We will see how this goes for the middle school contest, and then will decide (with Mr. Covell and Mrs. Rogers) if it would be a good idea for the high schoolers to sell them as well, for their April 2 solo/ensemble contest.

Mrs. Thomas requested a \$35 gift card for a volunteer who runs the solo contest every year. Mrs. Thomas has paid for this gift card out of her own pocket each year but wondered if the FAB could now

take it over. FAB members agreed.

There has been some speculation that the middle school Adventureland trip would be canceled this year, but Mrs. Thomas reported that this is not the case. The problem was that Adventureland is no longer open during the week throughout the month of May as it has been before. It is possible that the date, which is currently May 23, may change. May 24 is our last day of school at this time. It may be changed to a Saturday in May if a weekday does not work out, but it is definitely still going to happen.

Mike handed out the financial report which covers the time period of 9/22/10 to present. Some discussion occurred over some items which did not appear on this report, and Mike will check to see if they were on the previous statement or if they were somehow left off of this report. We are anticipating three (or so) \$500 scholarships, Mrs. Good's speech award costs, pizza for the spring play cast members, and other end-of-the-year expenses, but we will still be in good shape financially through the rest of the school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2011 in the GHS commons (ICN room if commons is busy).

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Melinda Luzbetak, Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters secretary.