

Minutes from March 2, 2014 Fine Arts Boosters Meeting

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

Others Present: Diane Pierce, Melinda Luzbetak

March 3 & 6, Middle School Solo Contest: 5:00-8:45pm both nights at the MS School. There will be a meal each night for the judges & volunteers. LeAnn Meehan & Natalie will sit at the table on March 3. Gina Gallus and possibly another person will sit at the table on March 6.

March 4, High School Band/Choir Concert: Mike will be at the table. Byron will give an announcement about the uniform fundraising. We are also hoping to get parents to sign up to volunteer for the May 9 Contest. Mike will make take home reminders with the date and info on them.

March 6, HOIAC at Colfax: This is an event for selected HS art, band and choir students.

March 10, Night of Jazz: This is a new event for the HS Jazz Bands 1 and 2. Ed Engle will sit at the table this evening.

Solo/Ensemble Contest: Saturday, March 29 in Jefferson.

Large Group Contest: Friday, May 9 at Gilbert HS beginning around 4pm. There will be eight 3A schools with bands and choirs. Byron contacted Ballard about their food sales from last year; however, they have not gotten back to him. Pam will use the gmail school account to make some contacts for volunteers: fineartsboosters@gmail.k12.ia.us. Byron will work on a list of workers needed for this event. We discussed using lanyards/badges for the volunteers to wear instead of T shirts. This would be much cheaper. Pam will look into ordering lanyards with bright colors. We also are considering asking parents to donate food for the concessions as a way to make more money toward uniforms.

Financial Update: Ed Engle said we have a balance of \$9,497.45 in our checking account. \$500 was paid to MS musical. We also discussed collecting our last business ad payments from the HS musical. Mike will type up a letter. Ed will send them out. In June, we are hoping to make a \$10,000 payment to the donor who is lending us money for uniforms.

Scholarships: Diane Pierce suggested some changes that could be made to our scholarship application--adding Creative Writing to the 1st page with the other categories; adding Essay Questions as a heading to the 2nd page to give more clarity to the students. We discussed having all students fill out the application on line and decided that might not give all students access, so we will still have paper copies available with Mr. Jacobson. Mike will make revisions and bring a draft to the next meeting. Gina and Ed will head up the Scholarship Team beginning with finding volunteers who do not have Seniors this year at Gilbert (6-10 people with one faculty...Byron has agreed to do this again). May 1st is generally our deadline and we inform the students and Mr. Jacobson by April 1st. The winners are announced at the Senior Award Night on May 19th.

Band Room: We discussed possible options for the band room as the band continues to grow and the room is nearly at capacity now. Mike and Byron may go to the school board so they are aware of the future problem.

Redeemables: This will be an on-going fundraiser for the year of 2014. Some students and adults have helped out and we are trying to figure out the best way to get the students involved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1 at the High School LMC at 7:00pm