

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2012 GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Treasurer Mike Haverdink. Members present included Natalie Haverdink, Melinda Luzbetak, LeAnn Meehan, Carrie Thimmesch, Therese Baker, Joe Metzger and Jackie Royer. Gilbert staff included high school principal Greg Fisher and the newly-hired high school band director for the 2012-13 school year, Byron Tinder.

Byron introduced himself and described his teaching situation in Audubon for the past 17 years. He summarized his plan for GHS band, and how it will be athlete-friendly (band activities will not compete with athletic practices/events.) He reports that nearly half of the Audubon high school population is enrolled in band. He inquired about the band/choir trip which will take place in summer 2013.

Mike gave an update on the auditorium, which should be finished when the new high school opens in August 2013. He displayed detailed plans for the auditorium, vocal and band rooms and music practice rooms, as well as the set storage/drama areas.

By-laws were tabled until the next meeting.

Mike discussed officers; we will elect in May 2012 so that they can begin in June 2012. The five officers will be President, Vice President for Volunteers, Vice President for Membership, Treasurer and Secretary. Please come to the April meeting with a list of suggested officers.

The Fine Arts Boosters scholarship applications are due May 1st. Mr. Fisher will work on changing the application so that kids can fill it out online (this will hopefully be done in the next couple of days). Otherwise, paper forms will be available from Mr. Jacobson. Melinda volunteered to be in charge of handling the received applications and enlisting 8-10 volunteers to evaluate each anonymous application and rank them in order. We have given out 4 scholarships the past two years, but approximately 3 prior to that. LeAnn Meehan and Carrie Thimmesch also volunteered to help with evaluations. Someone will need to present the scholarship awards on May 14. Mike will ask President Jay Heydlauff if he would be willing to do this. Mike will forward the award letters and write out checks for the recipients.

Natalie discussed the Super Savings Cards fundraiser. We have sold over 100 of them so far, with only one week left to sell. We make \$7 for each \$10 card sold. The funds were used last year to pay for piano accompanists for solo/ensemble contest, and that may cover it already. Natalie asked for more volunteers to help sell the cards tomorrow night and Thursday night at parent-teacher conferences. It now appears to be covered.

We have \$650 in our account that is a gift from the Chris Covell Memorial. We still need to spend it on something appropriate. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Fine Arts Awards night is May 15. We will be coordinating with teachers, and will need to fund some trophies, awards, letters, etc. Carrie offered to help coordinate volunteers for the ice cream social that occurs along with this night. Melinda reported that we have plenty of leftover bowls and spoons from last year's event.

Jenni Thomas emailed a list of questions for the FAB. She wondered about ordering the new baritone (which we are paying for in full), and about FAB paying for solo contest medals (which we will fund), and about the piano accompanist stipends (which we will fund), and about the possibility of someone building a new band folder cabinet for the middle school. Carrie Thimmesch knew of someone who might do that and will look into it. Jenni says that they are really expensive to purchase, but that Mr. Billings may be able to fund the materials if someone can build it.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm. Next meeting is Monday April 23 at 7:00 in the ICN room at GHS.