

APRIL 11, 2011--MINUTES OF THE GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm in the GHS Commons by President Jay Heydlauff. Members present included Carrie Thimmesch, Natalie and Mike Haverdink, and Melinda Luzbetak. No Gilbert staff members were in attendance.

Carrie thanked the FAB for the gift cards she received for helping with the spring play.

Mike and Natalie gave an update on Super Savings Cards. We got a total of 450 cards from the O'Rourke's. A little over 300 of these were sent home with GMS music students to help defray the cost of accompanists at solo contest. Approximately 111 cards came back that did not get sold. Mrs. Thomas is still waiting on some of the money to be turned in (money/cards were due in to her 2 weeks ago). A few kids lost their cards; some discussion ensued regarding what to charge them. Hopefully they will pay the \$10 per card; we expect at least \$3 to cover our costs for the card. If parents refuse, we will let it go. We also received a few donations. Secretaries at all 3 schools still have some cards; we will ask if they want to keep selling them through registration in August. Overall, we should make around \$1500-\$2000 from this fundraiser.

FAB scholarship applications are due Monday, May 2, same day as the Senior Recognition GHS band/choir concert. At our next meeting (Monday, May 9), we will dedicate some time to go over the applications, rate them, and decide how many scholarships to award. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the Monday, May 16 GHS All-School Award Night.

Fine Arts award night is Tuesday, May 17. We will mention the FAB scholarship award winners again that night. Melinda will inquire from Mrs. Rogers or Mrs. Good as to whether FAB is needed to help serve ice cream (as we have in the past.)

Jay and Mike accompanied Gilbert staff members and school board officials on auditorium visits on March 21, 2011. They toured Dallas Center-Grimes, Southeast Polk, Urbandale and the new Ankeny high school auditoriums. Following the tours and a design session, the architects presented a plan with a sloped floor for the lower half and tiered seating in the upper half. There will be a ramp (vs. steps) going up to the stage to comply with the latest interpretation of ADA laws. At this point the design is for permanent seating (no retractable seating). It will seat approximately 600. The plan currently is for the "base" design to house the band and choir programs in half of what will eventually become a competition gymnasium. The first alternate will include the auditorium shell and permanent (and separate) band and choir space. Depending on contractor bids, we may be able to build the first alternate when the high school opens, or we may have to wait a few years.

Jay brought up information regarding FAB officers (president, treasurer, secretary), length of terms (2 years), and that all members who come to the meetings can vote on issues. This topic was tabled for another meeting when more members are in attendance, to get more input.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm. The next FAB meeting will be 7:00 on May 9 in the GHS commons.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 13, July 11 and August 8.

Minutes submitted by: Melinda Luzbetak