

GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2010

The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by president Jay Heydlauff, with the following members present: Mike Haverdink, Natalie Haverdink, Gina Gallus, Melinda Luzbetak, Chris Covell, and Carrie Thimmesch.

The Haverdinks brought a letter from Jenni Thomas, middle school band director, regarding 7th/8th graders marching at the Gilbert football game on October 15. Fine Arts Boosters provided hot cocoa, marshmallows, cups/ napkins, and parents volunteered to bring cookies, cupcakes, trail mix, etc. At least one 7th/8th grade band parent needs to be in charge of this, to collect the items brought by parents, to purchase the cocoa, etc., and to set it up during the first half of the game, to serve just after halftime, and to clean up when the kids return to the game. Additional parents are needed to help with serving and cleanup. Jenni also reported that she will be on maternity leave for the months of Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec, and that Aaron Schuck (Mr. Covell's student teacher from last year) will be her replacement.

Chris Covell, high school band director, reported that there are four home football games, three where the high schoolers march (Aug 27, Sept 10, Oct 1) and one where the middle school marches (Oct 15). He said that he was approached by the Gilbert Historical Society to let them do a presentation at the homecoming game, although the halftime show is already quite long due to the homecoming king/queen presentation. He reported that the uniforms were being sent to the cleaners tomorrow, and he's hoping they are back by Friday August 13.

The uniform fitting/shoe exchange event was planned for Tuesday August 17 and Wednesday August 18. The event will occur immediately after the marching band camp/practices both of those days. Juniors and Seniors will go first, on Tuesday, and Sophomores and Freshman will go on Wednesday. Chris will be sending out a letter to parents via email, and then via snail mail, with details of the band practices as well as the uniform fitting event. He has quite a few used/leftover shoes that can be purchased at that time also. We will need several parents there each day to help with this event. Pants will be hemmed on the spot.

Natalie reported that Mr. Knock told her that we will be paid this month for ticket-taking from last year. Johna Clancy is looking into SCRIP money to see about getting us paid as well.

Mike and Jay discussed the membership letter/newsletter situation. Both letters are finished, and will be printed back-to-back. Mike decided to go with only one letter, not different ones for current members and prospective members. Letters/Newsletters will be sent out by August 13. Mike will write follow-up/thank you letters to all new boosters.

The Fine Arts Social/Mixer is being postponed to later in the fall. No official plans were made.

Mrs. Maguire, high school art teacher, has requested paint for Tiger Paws that are newly painted each fall on the school drives. Mike will follow up with her. Everyone agreed to go ahead and purchase the paint.

Mike acquired a post office box, it is P.O Box 192 at the Gilbert post office. It cost \$28.00 for the year.

Jay reported no further progress with the FAB website, and postponed the by-laws/committees/structure of meeting, etc. until next meeting when more members are in attendance.

Chris Covell also announced that we have the option to host solo contest for the 2011-2012 schoolyear. It is always March or April. No one was very happy with last spring at Jefferson; long waits for ratings, etc. It's also a good fundraiser.

Carrie looked into postal rates for FAB mailings. She reported that we'd need at least 200 pieces of mail per mailing to get a good rate (Mike says we usually send 250). If the school gives us permission to use their mailing permit, and we would reimburse them, then we can pay: 21.3cents/letter for 50105 zipcode (Gilbert), 25.6 cents for 500_ _ mail, and 27.3 cents/letter for any other zipcode. This is a substantial savings! If we send something to everyone in the town of Gilbert, it would be 13.9 cents per letter! Of the mailing he is currently working on, 61 are in Gilbert, 180+ are in Ames, 9 are in Boone, 1 in Nevada, and 6 in Story City. Carrie will talk to Johna re: using the school's mailing permit.

The Haverdinks emailed Peggy Whalen, who sent them the master list of this year's 6-12th graders in band, 5th-12th graders in choir, and 9th-12th in art classes. Haverdinks will obtain the new passwords from Peggy so that FAB can send emails to all fine arts parents easily. We can also use this to send emails just to FAB members.

Mike will take care of making this year's fine arts' passes, to be distributed to all members donating \$100 or more.

Members concurred on the following future dates of FAB meetings: September 13, October 11, November 8, skip December, January 10, February 7 (due to Valentine's day being on the second Monday of February), March 7, April 11, and May 9. These dates were checked against the Gilbert interactive calendar and were found to be virtually uneventful, with the exception of Jan. 10 being a boys' basketball home game and Feb. 7 being a schoolboard meeting. Melinda will contact Penny Davis with these dates and ask if we can have a classroom available near the commons in case there are other events taking place. Melinda will also send reminders for each meeting, approximately 3 to 7 days prior to the meetings.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 8:15pm. (Forgot to write down exact time!) Minutes submitted by Melinda Luzbetak.