

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS MEETING
SEPT. 13, 2010

The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by president Jay Heydlauff, with the following members present: Mike Haverdink, Natalie Haverdink, Melinda Luzbetak, Ed Adcock, Andrea Hill, Carrie Thimmesch and Gina Gallus. Faculty members Chris Covell (band), Kaaren Rogers (vocal), Jen Maguire (art) and Marcy Good (speech) attended as well, representing each of the fine arts areas at the high school.

Discussion regarding the Community Facilities Committee's recent meeting, and the proposed High School auditorium. Marcy recommends that the committee becomes very familiar with other newer auditoriums in Iowa so that we are ready to give input when asked. Kaaren prefers Newton High School's auditorium, which has movable walls which can house 300 or opens up to 700. Marcy has admired the auditorium at Glenwood. Each board member should use their resources to ask about other school districts' opinions on their own auditoriums, the specs, what they like and what they don't like about their new facility. We need to compile a list of the best ones and go visit these facilities. Kaaren is very interested in the new one at Ankeny. Jay wants to make sure they build the structure large enough; if they have to short something, have it be the seating, which could be added to at a later date. Community involvement with the auditorium is key. This will not be a high school auditorium, but rather a COMMUNITY auditorium. Discussion over the possibility of needing a part-time manager of the future "fine arts space", to be in charge of the sound system, scheduling of community and school auditorium events, etc. Chris added that Mr. Fisher, high school principal, has mentioned that the proposed auditorium might be able to house a theater classroom as well as a shop in the back for set-building, etc.

Natalie presented a thank you note from Katie Smiley-Oyen for the Fine Arts Booster scholarship last spring.

Mike reported that Coach Knock said Johna Clancy has our ticket-taking money, but since it is over \$3000.00, it has to be approved by the school board before a check can be issued to the Fine Arts Boosters.

Mike reported that we have around 20 new memberships, bringing in about \$2,000.00.

We are still waiting for SCRIP money; we have been waiting for over a year now. The consensus is that SCRIP is a good way to raise funds, and that we need to promote it more. Many Gilbert parents still do not know about the SCRIP program or how to do it. Haverdinks will contact Pam Vandenberg about her step-by-step guide to getting started with the SCRIP program; we will tweak it and put it out there again.

Chris asked FAB for a donation towards a used vibraphone that he purchased from Iowa State University for \$3,000.00. He used Activity Account funds to cover it, and asks that we donate whatever we think we can spare to reimburse that account.

Kaaren asked FAB for a donation of approximately \$90 to cover extra sheet music required for the Simon Estes concert with Habitat for Humanity. The event was planned after she had already spent the allotted sheet music budget for the year. Total cost was \$180, but she will ask Administration for \$90 also. Kaaren reported that it is now in effect that we need receipts for ALL customers of ALL fundraisers now, which will be additional cost to the department. This is due to the most recent audit. Kaaren also reported that through the sale of school activity cards, the athletic department receives around \$2,000.00 and the vocal and band departments each receive around \$80.00. Kaaren also requested approximately \$200.00 towards a new keyboard. The one we have now is a circa-1978/80 Yamaha. She has asked "The Foundation" for a \$500 grant for a Casio Privia keyboard. Since the keyboard costs around \$700, she would need an additional \$200 or so from FAB.

Mike reported that he will be reimbursing All State campers \$50 each, as promised, from our funds. The camp occurred this summer.

Chris requested approximately \$150 for honor band students (3-4 for ISU honor band, 1-2 for SCIBA honor band, 5-6 for Drake honor band, and approximately 20 for HOIAC honor band) to cover their lunches.

Chris thanked the FAB for providing bottles of water and cookies after the Pufferbilly Days parade.

The 7th/8th grade bands march at the October 15th Gilbert home football game. In the past we have provided refreshments, including hot cocoa, marshmallows, napkins, and cups, and parents have provided various treats for after their performance. Jay offered to contact Mr. Schuck (Mrs. Thomas's sub) to get the ball rolling on this. Chris reported that there are 86 students in the 7th/8th grade bands. Parents of these band students will need to be contacted to bring treats.

Mike mentioned the new website, ihigh.com, that is doing online broadcasting of games live (?) as well as afterwards. He wondered if it would be possible to broadcast concerts and other events on this website? Kaaren expressed her concerns with this, especially for musicals and plays. They have to pay a tremendous amount for royalties for each of the musicals especially, that they need as many people to buy their tickets and attend the events as possible. The possibility of recording it for future use was discussed.

Chris said that the uniform/shoe fitting went well. One student still has not been fitted, however!

We are in the process of paying for the art club's Tiger Paw paint. Paws were painted and look awesome! It cost approximately \$300.

Mike updated us on the FAB web page. He found that he was able to make it a Facebook page for free, so alumni can get to it and there can be group discussions about various topics. Mike is the "administrator" but others on the board can also be administrators or

officers of it. Anyone can join, but administrators can “boot” someone if there was inappropriate content. The meetings will be listed on this page, as well as upcoming fine arts events, and also photos can be uploaded to this site by anyone. Jay reported that he spoke to Ansel, who would charge \$120.00 per year for domain name plus another set-up charge for a FAB website. The boosters agreed to go ahead with the Facebook page instead for now. We will put a blurb in the school newsletter to encourage interested parties to join our Facebook page.

Natalie reported that she and Gayle Brown are collecting bottles in big black recycle bins at all athletic events. They received \$88 from baseball season alone. The money goes directly to Fine Arts Boosters.

Gina brought up the question that if we volunteer to take tickets at a sporting event, do we get any money for the Fine Arts Boosters? The answer was stated by several members, that NO, we do not.

Carrie apologized for the misunderstanding regarding the postal rates. We ended up not getting the reduced postage after all. Pre-printed envelopes are required, and we already had the mailings in addressed envelopes. We will look into this matter again later on, making sure we are able to meet all requirements.

The FAB approved Kaaren Rogers’ request of \$90 for sheet music and \$200 towards the Casio keyboard.

The FAB approved Chris Covell’s request of \$5 per honor band student for lunches (approximately \$150); we also allocated \$500 towards the vibraphone.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.
Minutes submitted by Melinda Luzbetak.