

Fine Arts Boosters Meeting  
November 12, 2020  
Gilbert High School Media Center

Minutes

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Laura Bernard, Reynolds Cramer, Staci Harper, Jing Li, Kaaren Rogers, Jana Staudt, Byron Tinder, Christine Weydert

1. Welcome- Laura

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review Minutes 10/8/2020- Jana

Jana read minutes from the 10/8 meeting. Minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Membership Report- Dhuha

Dhuha shared that there are now 42 members with a total of \$10,450 in giving. We received our first business membership (\$500 level) as well as an in kind donation of \$250 from Casey's.

The business donor option is now up and running on the FAB website. We also now have thank you cards printed with the Fine Arts Boosters logo designed by Cherice Ogg.

Dhuha obtained bids for FAB stickers/clings, and the best pricing was provided by Sigler. The committee opted to move forward with purchasing stickers for \$1.12 each. These will be distributed to existing and new members.

4. Treasury Report- Jing

Jing provided the following treasury report:

**Deposits-** \$636.05 (memberships)

**Expenses-** \$3,438.05

**Outstanding payments (estimated)-** \$5,563.90

**Current balance-** \$29,651.96

**Available estimated funds as of 8/31-** \$20,486.32

It was decided that some items under the estimated payments can be removed due to the time that has passed.

4. 501c3 Status Update with Paypal

Laura reported that our nonprofit status has now been updated with Paypal, so our transaction fee has been reduced from 2.9% to 2.2%. She also shared that we will be getting card scanners.

5. Redeemables

Laura provided details from her conversation with Leo today regarding redeemables. He currently has an envelope with \$1,000 in redeemable money to provide to FAB. Leo is getting assistance with redeemables from a student wanting to earn silver cord hours. He will call the boosters if further help is needed.

6. Funding

The following funding requests were unanimously approved:

- **Watercolor sets and pre-cut mats- \$250**  
Jen Maguire requested watercolor sets to set up additional watercolor stations and pre-cut maps to display student work around the school
- **Supplies for building two soldering/jewelry stations- \$600**  
Jen Maguire requested this as a cost-effective alternative to purchasing these stations.
- **Cookies and balloons for All-State members- \$340**  
Kaaren Rogers and Byron Tinder requested items to honor and surprise the selected All-Star choir and band members on the day the concert would have been (November 21st)
- **Music for vocal ensembles- \$1,000**  
Kaaren Rogers requested music for the second semester.
- **Bell covers- \$1,400**  
Melanie Sponhemier requested bell covers for use in the middle school band concert.
- **Video recording equipment (FYI only)**  
Virginia Beecher shared that the video recording equipment previously approved is no longer needed due to changes with the variety show format.

Christine Weydert and Diana Thatcher donated time and money to complete all of the woodwind bags needed for the high school band. A question was posed if these bags are also needed for lower grades. Laura will speak with Melanie about this.

Discussion ensued regarding COVID-19 mitigation efforts for fine arts.

7. Upcoming Events:

- Variety Show Livestream
  - Kaaren organized the SuperFan Seat Card fundraiser to fill the auditorium with 11 x 17 posters in lieu of a live audience. Forty-eight orders were received. FAB assisted with publicity.
- Band Fundraiser

- Byron shared that the fruit fundraiser will be held online this year and that buyers can opt to have items shipped to their home for an additional fee.
- Middle School Concerts- 6th-8th choir: Tuesday, November 17th at, 7 p.m.;  
6th-8th Band: Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.
- High School Concert- Monday, December 7th at 7 p.m.
  - Per Byron, no one will physically be taking tickets at the high school concerts. We will either have electronic admission or paper tickets. Will need to consider how to let in members.

9. January Funding Drive

Laura opened up a discussion on long-term needs priorities and strategies. Would like the next fundraiser to focus on funding the drum line for the high school (quoted at \$15,204) along with smaller items (e.g. 1 piece of music for high school choir for \$200). Dhuha is working on the website for this “giving tree.” We want the tree to represent a variety of needs for all grade levels for music, art and theater.

A booster proposed that this fundraiser be expedited in order to incorporate year end gifting and graciously offered to match donations up to \$25,000 if the money can be raised by 12/31. Laura, Christine and Dhuha volunteered to be on the fundraiser subcommittee.

Discussed multiple methods to publicize including email lists, Remind, district newsletter, Infinite Campus, Digital Backpack, etc.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10th, 2020, 7 p.m. at the GHS Media Center