

Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
October 8th, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
Gilbert High School Media Center

Minutes

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Virginia Beecher, Laura Bernard, Kori Cramer, Jing Li, Kaaren Rogers, Jana Staudt, Diana Thatcher, Byron Tinder, Sally Tracy, Christine Weydert

1. Welcome- Laura
Laura called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Review Minutes 9/10/2020
Jana read minutes from the 9/10/20 meeting. Minutes were approved with no changes.
3. Membership Report- Dhuha
Dhuha reported that we now have 33 members with giving totaling \$8,500. Members who signed up in September had their names put in a drawing for a quilt made by Christine Weydert. Matt and Diana Thatcher were the winners.
4. Treasury Report- Jing
Jing provided the following treasury report:
Deposits- \$6,540.30 (memberships, redeemables, charitable grant)
Expenses- \$0
Outstanding payments (estimated)- \$8,518.16
Current balance- \$32,453.96
Available estimated funds as of 8/31- \$23,935.70
5. Funding

Funding Requests
The following funding requests were unanimously approved:
 - **Pastel sets and fixative sprays- \$148** (Kristyn Leinan request due to the need for more individual work stations this year)
 - **Video camera- \$261.34** (Kaaren Rogers request, for All-State auditions and various other uses)
 - **Microphone, recorder and cable-** \$503.48 (Virginia Beecher request, for recording variety show acts)

Large Project Discussion

Laura asked fine arts faculty to provide their "wish list" for larger items for future consideration. Wish list items include:

- Theatre backdrop and rig- \$13,000

- Lift (for all fine arts productions to fix/set lights, curtains, etc.)- value not provided
- High school band drumline equipment- \$15,000
- Middle school band drumline equipment (would use high school's equipment if high school purchased new)
- Intermediate music Orff instruments (xylophone, glock, etc.)- \$5,000
- Storage system for tech room- value not provided

Additionally, Mrs. Beecher made the boosters aware of the drama department's negative balance. Laura will reach out to Mr Hackbath to see if he needs assistance. .

Offers for Funding/Volunteering

- **Potential large project donation**

Laura spoke with a booster who is interested in funding larger projects and has friends who share this interest. She will write up a proposal of some of these items and maintain a spreadsheet of needs. Discussed putting a "giving tree" on the website so that boosters can choose which areas to support. Will continue to discuss a long-term strategy for larger projects.

- **Woodwind bags for indoor band**

Diana Thatcher and Christine Weydert offered to create a mock up of woodwind bags for use in indoor band rehearsals as a COVID-19 mitigation effort. Byron will share the number of bags needed and request a pattern from the ISU band director. Diana and Christine will solicit help to cut and sew as needed. A funding request will possibly be voted on when a cost is determined.

6. Upcoming Events: Variety Show

Discussed logistics of the upcoming variety show. The link to a password protected site is anticipated to be ready between 11/1 and 11/15. Due to licensing, can not ask viewers for a donation in association with watching the variety show. Instead, it was suggested to do a general fundraiser.

7. Other/New Business

Dhuha shared potential ideas for fundraising for and showcasing fine arts, including doing fine arts logoed items to raise funds and creating clothing and promotional items with "winning" designs created by students. Currently the GEF is doing a fundraiser through Sigler, so don't want to compete with this. Dhuha will work on coming up with some potential items to include. The idea of doing a fine arts open house was also discussed again.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m. at the GHS Media Center