

Gilbert FAB Meeting – Thursday, August 10, 2023

In attendance - Byron Tinder, Laura Bernard, Chirstine Weydert, Marcia Dahlstrom, Krista Mizerak
Not in attendance – Robby White

Laura called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m..

Welcome

Old Business

- Review Minutes from 5/15/23
 - Brief explanation of district purchase process for new memebtrs (district pays, invoices FAB quarterly)
 - Brief review of implementation of new instrument maintenance plan
 - Follow-Up: Spring Talent Contest (Saturday, 2:00 p.m. weekend before large group)
 - Brief review of tabled item – Guest Artists
 - Jamie Beyer is intersted in participating on the GHS FAB Board in the future.
 - Motion to approve the minutes as written – Krista Mizerak
 - Motion seconded – Byron Tinder
 - Motion approved

New Business

- Finances
 - Account balance as of 8/10/23 - \$33,085.91 (about \$8,000 outstanding for choir robes)
 - Generally, the goal is to keep the balance at a \$15,000.00 minimum.
 - Discussion – the goal is to fund what is requested as a non-profit
- Redeemables (behind Gilbert Car Wash) :
 - Collected 2-3 times per week, generates about \$450 per week
 - Leo Timms, Redeemables Overseer, is requesting additional help from students
 - Students can earn Silver Cord hours, band/choir trip money
 - Flexible schedule
 - Monday/Wednesdays - 3:15 p.m.
 - Sunday mornings - 6:00 – 7:30 a.m.
 - Discussed options to promote awareness of this opportunity
- Funding Requests
 - Band Camp Pizza/Water - \$256 (8/10/23)
 - Euphonium (Alex Baumgartner) - \$1,000
 - Requests approved via email to board
- Fall Membership

- Memberships – average 60-65, last year in the 80s
- How do we solicit memberships at the start of the year?
 - Potential opportunity to speak at Freshman Orientation
 - Potential table at Open House on Tuesday, August 22
 - This was not very productive last year
 - Dhuha Akili promoted FAB on social media; she has volunteered to continue promoting FAB on our behalf with our support
 - Marcia out of town 8/14-8/16; will aim to meet with Dhuha 8/17 or 8/18
 - Laura will help oversee this in the meantime
 - District-wide email at the beginning of the year
- Membership levels same as before – consensus was yes
- Communicate with Ian Smith to ensure tickets are properly credited
- Early membership renewals entered into a drawing for 4 reserved seats for any ticketed event in the auditorium
 - Deadline October 31, 2023
- Budget – 2023-2024 Overview (Robby not in attendance)
 - Memberships in 2023 - \$27,000 (included a lifetime donation)
 - Redeemables - \$10,000
 - Scholarships
 - Camp Reimbursements
 - Administrative Expenses
 - Food –
 - Things to consider based on concerns last year...
 - Is it impacting the whole program?
 - Is it a permanent item?
- Christine – met with GCSD non-profit boards over the summer
 - PTO, GEF, After-Prom, Athletics Boosters
 - How can we communicate with them?
 - Shared a list of items funded by FAB

Action Items

- Robby to inquire about the legal ramifications of balance for a non-profit organization
- Reimburse 9 applicants for summer camp by 8-31-23
- Byron Tinder/Tanner Stutzman will send an email (written by Laura) promoting FAB at the beginning of the school year

Upcoming Events

- Homecoming Parade
 - Potential FAB float – Krista will investigate
- Large Group Contest – Gilbert could be a potential host site
- Solo/Ensemble Contest
 - Location of contest currently is designated by IHSMA (Greene County)
 - Considering hosting event for Gilbert only at GHS

- If so, it would likely be before Spring Break

Marcia left at 7:55 p.m.

Upcoming FAB Meeting

- September 14 (no quorum)
- Meeting will be held September 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHS Band Room

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Mizerak