

**Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
January 12, 2023
Gilbert High School Band Room**

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Laura Bernard, Ezy Nlenanya, Jana Staudt, Tanner Stutzman, Christine Weydert, Robby White

Minutes

Welcome

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

1. Approve Minutes from 10/13/22- Jana

Minutes from the 10/13/22 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Membership Update- Dhuha

Dhuha shared that we now have a total of 72 members with \$25,410 in giving.

Will plan to send an all-district email the first week of February, update the website and also have fine arts faculty push out info.

3. Treasurer's Report- Robby

Robby shared the following report:

- **Deposits-** \$7,203.49
- **Expenses-** \$8,353.01
- **Current balance-** \$40,230.80

Redeemables Update

Other groups have been helping with redeemables recently, including dance team and after prom.

Current Funds Discussion

Discussed approved funding that can be reallocated or removed from the budget spreadsheet due to changing needs.

4. Meet the Faculty- Nicole Farley, Intermediate Music

Nicole Farley shared information on her background as well as her teaching philosophy. She likes to make class fun, engaging and silly and to incorporate movement. She said she is impressed with the hunger and excitement the students have about music. Third graders are learning how to read music, fourth graders are learning the recorder and fifth graders are learning the ukulele.

5. Funding Requests

The following funding requests were unanimously approved:

- **3rd grade to ISU Youth Orchestra at Stephens Auditorium on 4/28- \$444**
12/7/22- Nicole Farley requested funds for a field trip to coincide with her students working through the piece "A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" by Benjamin Britten in General Music. The cost includes tickets for up to 111 students @ \$4.00 each.
- **Kindergarten to Pete the Cat at Stephens Auditorium on 1/19- \$503**
12/7/22- Nicole Klaver requested funds for a field trip for 125 students tickets @ \$4.00 each plus a \$3.00 reservation fee.
- **Payment for string players for December concert- \$120**
12/15/22-Tanner Stutzman requested funds to pay three (non-GHS student) string players for their performance at the December concert \$40 each. Discussion ensued on if/how Gilbert students should be thanked in some tangible way and if gift cards or cash is best for the non Gilbert students. The consensus was that Gilbert students volunteer for the experience (and in some cases, silver cord hours) and do not expect anything for it. For the non-GHS students, the board felt that money vs. a gift card was best and this is a fair amount given their practice time, performance time and gas.
- **Payment for professional musicians for the Little Women pit band- \$300**
12/15/22- Tanner Stutzman requested funds to pay the two professional musicians in the pit band, Elaina Borg and Ashley Hansen, \$150 each. (Laura's note- Melanie Spohnheimer and Byron Tinder also participated but per the new board policy, we would not approve compensating district employees.)
- **Sound system for intermediate school band room**
1/10/23- Matthew Schuka requested \$1133 to install a Yamaha Bluetooth sound system in the intermediate band room. Currently, the only sound system in the band room is the one that is built into the TV. When sound does come through, it isn't very loud or clear. (The board agreed that the funds designated for iPads that were not purchased will be redesignated for this.)
- **Additional robes for high school choir**
1/12/23- Tanner Stutzman requested funds for additional robes for high school choir. At the start of the second semester, there will be fewer robes than students. Additionally, he is anticipating a future need as this year's graduating class is the smallest. The board approved \$3,000 in funding

(approximately 20 robes) to account for current needs, future growth of the program and the need for multiple sizes.

6. Review District Employee Compensation Policy Wording- Laura

The board approved the following language as an addition to the bylaws:

“The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters will not provide any funds or compensation to salaried district employees or current students for time and participation in fine arts events at Gilbert Schools.”

7. FAB Senior Award Committee

- Chairperson- Christine will check with Kristyn Mostek about chairing the committee again this year. Christine will chair if Kristyn is unable. Jana and Ezy offered to review applications.
- Deadline- Friday, April 21st

8. Upcoming Events

1/13 Pep Band
1/14 Waukee Jazz Choir
1/17 Pep Band
1/21 District Large Group Speech Contest
1/27 Simpson Jazz Festival
1/28 South Hamilton MS Honor Band
2/3-2/4 Cyclone Honor Band
2/4 State Large Group Speech Contest
2/10 Pep Band
2/11 SE Polk Jazz Festival
2/13 HS Choir Concert (Admissions volunteers)
2/14 5-7th General Music Concert
2/16 1st Grade General Music Concert
3/3-3/4 8th Grade Musical: Matilda (Admission volunteers, intermission volunteers TBD)

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 16th at 8:00 in the high school band room. (The time is later due to the first grade concert.)

10. New/Other Business

Tanner shared that upcoming needs are new risers and shells. The approximate cost would be \$20,000.

Dhuha suggested doing a fundraiser in the future that is consistent from year to year. The coffee shop art/music show was discussed along with a band camp event for alumni and parents.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Jana Staudt, Secretary