

**Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
October 13, 2022
Gilbert High School Band Room**

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Laura Bernard, Jana Staudt, Byron Tider, Christine Weydert, Robby White

Minutes

Welcome

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Approve Minutes from 9/7/2022- Jana

Minutes were approved with a minor change (member drawing is for 4 reserved seats in the auditorium, not 2)

2. Membership Update- Dhuha

Dhuha shared that we now have a total of 42 members with \$19,500 in giving.

Dhuha worked with Ian Smith and is grateful that the athletic department helped come up with some generous perks for our most generous Fine Arts Boosters members who support the band at athletic events. The gifting levels and perks are as follows:

- **Lifetime membership** (\$10,000)- 6 fine arts passes, 6 football passes, 6 basketball passes, 4 cards, 4 forever
- **Diamond membership** (\$1,000)- 6 fine arts passes, 4 football passes, 4 basketball passes
- **Platinum membership** (\$500)- 6 fine arts passes, 2 football passes
- **Gold membership** (\$250)- 4 fine arts passes
- **Silver membership** (\$100)- 2 fine arts passes
- **Bronze membership** (\$50)- program mention

3. Treasurer's Report- Robby

Robby shared the following report:

- **Deposits-** \$2,893.84
- **Expenses-** \$568
- **Current balance-** \$41,380.32

4. Funding Requests

The following funding requests were unanimously approved:

- **Food expenses for set building crew- \$400 (requested on 9/11)**

Zack Hackbarth and Tanner Stutzman requested that the boosters cover up to \$400 in food that the directors purchase out of their pockets to show appreciation for the musical set building crew for the time they spend on Saturday mornings. This includes breakfast items (donuts, muffins, juice, etc.) and, occasionally, pizza. Zach and Tanner will provide receipts for their purchases.

- **CY Stephens tickets for second grade- \$447 (requested on 9/11)**
Kris Anne Worley requested funds to take the second grade class to see ZuZu African Acrobats at CY Stephens on 2/21/23.
- **CY Stephens tickets for first grade- \$467 (requested on 9/13)**
Stephanie Strudhoff requested funds to take the first grade class to see Click, Clack, Moo at CY Stephens on 11/15.
- **Orff instruments- \$3,000 (requested on 9/20)**
Nicole Farley requested funds to purchase more Orff barred instruments to complete the intermediate music classroom's collection, including the following:
 - Soprano metallophone (1) @ \$390 (1 additional student instrument)
 - Alto xylophone (2) @ \$510 each (1 additional student instrument and 1 teacher instrument to give playing instruction)
 - Bass metallophone (1) @ \$840 (1 additional student instrument)
 - Rolling Orff stand (5) @ \$149 each (stands for above instruments and replacement of 1 broken stand)
- **Band hats and plumes- \$6,405 (10/5)**
Byron purchased 80 hats and plumes to supplement the band program's current stock using designated funds.
- **Various musical expenditures- \$1,500**
Zack Hackbarth requested that the Fine Arts Boosters cover up to \$1,500 in expenses for the musical, including, but not limited to, costumes, set construction supplies and musicians. The boosters agreed that keeping it open ended is a good approach.
- **Adjustable piano bench- \$360**
Tanner Stutzman requested a new bench that can be used for rehearsals and concerts. The bench that came with the grand piano is in rough shape. This bench could be used at any piano.

The following three requests were approved via email prior to the meeting:

- **Mock audition judge fees- \$200 (requested on 9/27)**

Byron Tinder requested funds to pay two judges \$100 each for the mock All-State auditions on 10/10. The board approved this on 9/27.

- **Mock audition judge fee- \$100 (requested on 9/28)**

Tanner Stutsman requested funds to pay one judge \$100 for the mock All-State auditions on 10/10. The board approved this on 9/28.

- **Hot chocolate for the band extravaganza- \$65 (requested on 9/30)**

Melanie Spohnhemier requested the boosters provide helpers and supplies to serve hot chocolate after the halftime show. (Christine Weydert will likely cover the cost of supplies.) The board approved this on 10/5.

5. Discussion of Providing Compensation to District Employees

The board engaged in a lively discussion regarding providing compensation to district employees based on some previous situations. The consensus is that boosters will not compensate *salaried* district employees. The bylaws and guidelines will be updated accordingly.

Next steps: Laura will draft updated verbiage for bylaws and request guidelines for the board to review.

6. Papa John's Business Account

Laura asked for input from the board on setting up a business account with Papa John's. Fine arts typically orders from Papa John's for band camp and pep band, among other events. The business account would guarantee certain pricing and Papa John's would send us a bill. Boosters agreed that delivery is a good reason to use Papa John's, but felt that Laura could make the call on the account.

7. Upcoming Events:

10/14	Marching Band/ Band Extravaganza- Hot Chocolate for MS (volunteers have been solidified)
10/20	ICDA MS Choir Clinic
10/20	HS Choir Concert (admissions volunteers have been solidified)
10/22	All-State Auditions
10/25	Raccoon River Conference HS Honor Choir
11/1	SCIBA MS Honor Band
11/11-11/12	HS Musical: Little Women (admissions volunteers are needed; 35 dozen cookies have been ordered from HyVee)

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 29th at 7:00 in the high school band room.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Jana Staudt, Secretary