

**Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
December 16, 2021
Gilbert High School Media Center**

Minutes

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Laura Bernard, Jing Li, Jana Staudt, Christine Weydert

Welcome:

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

1. Review Minutes from 10/21/21

Minutes from the 10/21/21 meeting were approved with no changes.

2. Treasury Report- Jing

Jing shared the following treasury report:

- **Deposits-** \$6,910.29
- **Expenses-** \$4,558
- **Current balance-** \$42,052.28
- **Available estimated funds-** \$28,308.14

3. Membership Report- Dhuha

Dhuha shared that there are now 53 members with a total of \$12,250 in giving.

4. Funding Requests

The following funding request were unanimously approved:

- **11 xylophone stands- \$1,388.86**
Elise Davidson requested xylophone stands for intermediate music to avoid heavy lifting by students and wear and tear on the instruments. She said this would also be more convenient for concerts to be able to roll them out.
- **ISU theater tickets- \$63**
Zack Hackbarth requested funds for a theatre field trip to Iowa State University to see a matinee performance of the opera "Street Scene" on Thursday, Nov. 11. Fifteen people signed up to attend at \$4 per ticket.
(Boosters approved this request by email on October 27.)

5. February HS Choir Concert- Dessert Event Idea

Boosters discussed Kaaren Roger's suggestion of doing a special fundraiser for the concert since it will be held on Valentine's Day. The Ames Chamber Choir will be performing with the high school choir and doing separate numbers as well. Brainstormed several options including pre-ordering pre-packaged chocolates and/or flowers to pick up on the way out or selling messages to be listed in the

electronic program. It was decided to table the fundraiser idea until some of the details for the honor choir event later that week are determined.

6. Raccoon River Honor Choir Event- Feb. 17th

Event will involve 9 schools of 10-15 kids each. Will provide lunch at Gilbert Fire Station (possibly from Hickory Park) and dinner in commons from a sandwich shop. Will need volunteers to pick up and serve food. More info to come.

7. Ticket Spicket Update- Price/Transition

Superintendent Trujillo approved raising the admission cost of all high school fine arts events to \$6 for consistency and to cover the Ticket Spicket fees. The middle school musical will be \$5. Briefly discussed the possibility of offering a lifetime pass for fine arts at the request of a parent. (Similar to the grandparent pass or athletics lifetime pass.)

8. Scholarship Review Committee Plan

Laura has contacted subcommittee members about meeting for the first time in January and is proposing a January 13th meeting date based on responses. Will also ask current/former students for input on the format and process.

9. Upcoming Events:

1/7- Triton Jazz Festival
1/8- SCIBA Honor Band
1/21- Simpson Jazz Festival
2/4-2/5- Cyclone Honor Band
2/12- SE Polk Jazz Festival
2/14- HS Choir Concert
2/17- Raccoon River Honor Choir Event

10. New/Other Business

Laura requested feedback from boosters regarding possible funding for the dance team. This group is self-funded and more like a club than a team per Tim Pezzetti. Will research if the state event is sponsored by the athletic union before making a decision on support.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jana Staudt, Secretary