

**Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022
Gilbert High School Media Center**

Minutes

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Laura Bernard, Jing Li, Kaaren Rogers, Jana Staudt, Byron Tinder, Christine Weydert

Welcome:

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

1. Review Minutes from 12/16/21

Minutes from the 12/16/21 meeting were approved with a change to the next meeting date.

2. Treasury Report- Jing

Jing shared the following treasury report:

- **Deposits-** \$2,955 (donation/membership, redeemables and yard sign sale)
- **Expenses-** \$293.40
- **Current balance-** \$45,834.73
- **Available estimated funds-** \$29,351.73

3. Membership Report- Dhuha

Dhuha shared that there are now 54 members with a total of \$13,250 in giving.

4. Funding Requests

The following funding request were unanimously approved:

- **Pizza for two events on 1/11 (\$179.74) and 2/11 (total to come)**
Byron Tinder requested funding for pizza and water for the high school pep band to host the 8th grade band students on 1/11. He also requested funds for a pizza lunch for the high school band clinic on 2/22. *(Boosters approved this request by email on January 10th.)*
- **Band ensemble music- \$1,000**
Byron Tinder requested funding for sheet music for the high school band program.
(Boosters approved this request by email on January 24th.)
- **PrismaColor colored pencil sets- \$327**
Jen Maguire requested 15 sets of 24 pencils from Blick Art Materials. This will fulfill the needs for her drawing and painting students. They will be used in two classes this semester and should last an additional 2-3 years.

- **Tickets for first grade field trip- \$418**
Staci Edwards requested funding for the first graders to see Schoolhouse Rock at C.Y. Stephens.
- **Band uniform cleaning- \$1,753**
Byron Tinder requested funding for drycleaning. This is typically done at the end of the school year, but did earlier this year due to changes in uniform usage. He may keep the December-March cleaning schedule moving forward. This request was approved, but discussion followed regarding future funding. This cost was previously covered through a cleaning fee on RevTrak at registration time along with supplemental funding from the school. The cleaning fee is no longer visible on RevTrak.

Next steps: Laura will speak with Gail in the district office about when and why this option was removed.

- **Project and tripod- \$170**
Heather Schurr requested funding for a short film speech for contest to replace equipment from the early 2010s.

The following request was made:

- **Choral music- \$500**
Kaaren Rogers requested funding for music. Laura shared that \$1,500 from the fundraiser has been specifically designated for this purpose, so Kaaren is free to use this without a vote from the boosters.

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

Gilbert will host an all day event for 9 schools (with 10-15 kids per school.) Will provide a pizza lunch at the Gilbert Fire Station and a dinner from Subway in the high school commons. Will need volunteers for lunch and dinner help as well as admissions. A SignUp Genius has been sent out.

6. Scholarship Review Committee Plan

Laura shared proposed changes to the application, instruction packet and policy as recommended by the scholarship process subcommittee. The key differences include referring to involvement as “community” rather than “volunteer,” calling it a Fine Arts Boosters “award” rather than “scholarship” and providing a weighted rubric for evaluators. Language was also added to the policy to encourage consideration for visual arts students. Will promote this award with the art teachers so that they can encourage their students to apply. The board approved the changes. Kristyn Mostek will head this year’s review committee and Jen Maguire will be the faculty representative. The board provided suggestions for additional review committee members.

Next steps: Laura will reach out to potential review committee members.

7. Visual Arts Event

The board discussed holding an art showcase prior to the May 2nd band/choir concert to highlight the visual arts at Gilbert. While having the physical pieces there may be more impactful, it also requires extra work on the part of the students and teachers. Showing these works on screen could be another option. We also discussed continuing to print images of student work on thank you cards.

8. Upcoming Events:

2/12- SE Polk Jazz Festival

2/14- HS Choir Concert (need admission help)

2/17- Raccoon River Honor Choir Event

2/22- HS Band Clinic (free concert with clinicians)

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jana Staudt, Secretary