

Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
April 28, 2021
Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Dhuha Akili, Laura Bernard, Elise Davidson, 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 3/25/21- Dhuha

Dhuha read minutes from the 3/25 meeting. Minutes were approved with no changes.

Elise Davidson joined in briefly to thank the boosters for the xylophones for her music classes. She said she now has instruments in the hands of every student. She also put a plug in for the "informances" that will take place virtually next week.

2. Treasury Report- Jing

Jing provided the following treasury report:

Deposits- \$1,148

Expenses- \$380

Outstanding payments- \$68,153.42

Current balance- \$86,818.87

Available estimated funds as of 3/31/2021- \$18,665.45

Laura provided a reminder about annual filing. Jing mentioned that this is done around June.

Laura shared a redeemable update from Leo. He is now taking redeemables to Boone rather than Nevada. The Shooting Club is helping fill in the gaps, but he may need assistance from Fine Arts Boosters again at some point.

3. Funding Requests

The following funding request were unanimously approved:

- **Meals for Middle School Solo/Ensemble Contest - \$250**

Melanie Spohnheimer requested funds for boxed meals for judges and pizza for helpers at contest on May 18th & 20th.

- **Pottery wheels- \$3,942 (approved with caveat)***

Kristyn Leinen requested two more pottery wheels for the high school and one more for the middle school. She said it will help with the amount of students that can take a ceramics or ceramics 2 class and increase the

number of students and time they can be at the wheel during rotations. She also said the new art teacher likes to work with clay and thinks it would be beneficial to be able to showcase his strengths as he starts off next year. *Laura will check with administrators about using PPEL funds for this purchase first and then circle back with Kristyn. *Update: both the HS and MS administrators said they have PPEL funds available to fund the three requested wheels. FAB will not need to provide any funding.*

- **Thespian Society membership- \$573.50**

Zack Hackbarth requested funds to cover membership and awards for the year. This is usually covered by excess cash, fundraising and donations, none of which happened due to COVID.

- **High school band clinician fee- \$150**

Byron Tinder requested funding for a high school band clinic with Paul Brizzi. It was approved via email on 4/12/21.

4. Scholarship Committee: Scholarship Recommendation for 2021

Christine shared that the scholarship committee reviewed nine scholarship applications and recommends awarding five scholarships. The board agreed with awarding five- \$500 scholarships. Christine will email the recipients and then present the awards and checks at awards night.

Will put a subcommittee together to discuss future award amounts and a rubric for the scholarship application process for more continuity.

5. Upcoming Events: Any assistance needed?

- Friday April 30th-Sunday May 2nd- *The Monologue Show* available to stream
- Monday, May 3rd, 7:00pm, HS Band and Choir Concert
- Thursday, May 6th, 6:30pm, 6th-8th Grade Band Concert
- Friday, May 7th, Large Group Band and Choir Contest (have close to enough chaperones)
- Monday, May 10th, 6:30-8:00pm, Speech & Theatre Awards Night
- Tuesday, May 11th, 7:00pm, 6th-8th Grade Choir Concert
- May 13th, 5th Grade Band Concert
- May 15th, Adventureland Trip 7th and 8th Grade Band?
- May 18th and 20th, MS Solo/Ensemble Contest
- May 23rd, Graduation

Other:

Dhuha suggested doing something to honor departing fine arts staff Kristyn Leinan and Virginia Beecher for their service to Gilbert. Decided to do a Facebook post with quotes from students.

Fine arts yard signs have been ordered and delivered thanks to Dhuha.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Dhuha's home