

## **GHHS Fine Arts Booster Club**

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Location: GHHS Media Center

### **Action Items and Decisions:**

Action items and major decisions are highlighted in yellow in the Minutes below.

### **Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order by Ann Richard on behalf of Nancy Brouthers, at 7:05 pm. In attendance: Chris Bartelucci, Ray Bartelucci, Nancy Brouthers, Susan Y. Davis, Mary Moyer, Carol Myers, Ann Richard, Karen Russell, Susan Watts and Ri-Shea Schlitter.
2. Ann wanted to correct her comment last meeting that the position of president does not take very much time. It does require some effort and is an important position.
3. Ann also announced that Linda Compton has volunteered to be our VP of Membership.
4. Minutes from the November 13, 2007 meeting were summarized by Ri-Shea and approved.
5. Treasurer's Report - Ann Richard
  - a. We currently have \$500 above our reserve of \$6000 and above what is already earmarked for the different departments.
  - b. We will get more money when new fine arts student return their FAB membership forms.
  - c. We need teachers to tell FAB how they would like to spend the money that used to be earmarked for scholarships.
  - d. New teachers should have the new FAB forms. We encourage the teachers to pass these out to new students to maximize our effort to get new FAB members.
  - e. Nancy had previously suggested to have a FAB table at the 2<sup>nd</sup> term Meet the Teachers night, but she decided that without A/B classes, the teacher's night will be too short (7 to 8 pm) to be effective.
  - f. We typically get \$300 to \$800 in the spring term, mostly from visual arts students because those classes tend to be ½ year classes.
  - g. Ann says that the membership drive works best when teachers require students to return the FAB membership form as a class assignment.
  - h. Mary Jo James was selling roses as a fundraiser and will do so again at future concerts.
6. Membership/Sponsorship – Ann on behalf of Linda Waite
  - a. 2 more membership checks were received.
  - b. As mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, Linda Compton will replace Linda Waite next year.
7. President's Update – Nancy Brouthers and Ann Richard
  - a. We are looking for someone to step up as President for next year. Job description:
    - Overseer, makes sure things get done, such as having a table for Meet the Teacher's night.
    - Cheerleader, making sure everyone has what they need and are happy.
    - Add cohesiveness, direction, and be even-keeled.
  - b. Green Hope now has a booster board, chaired by the PTSA president, which consists of representatives from all booster organizations. The president also represents FAB on that board.
  - c. Mary Moyer was asked to consider being president, as she has been part of FAB the longest and will continue to do so after this year.
8. Department Reports
  - a. Art – Mary Moyer
    - Mary has no news to report.

- Ann says that based on financial paperwork, the art department appears to be involved in some kind of scholarship.
  - Ann requests that art teachers make an effort to attend the next meeting.
- b. Chorus – Carol Myers
- Chorus will be doing Singing Telegrams for Valentines Day.
  - Roses will be sold as a fundraiser for Valentine’s Day and upcoming concerts.
  - All-State will be Jan. 26. Five students will be going.
  - Feb. 12 – Grand Night for Singing
  - Feb. 28 – Cary, Green Hope and Panther Creek has joint concert.
  - South Pacific will be playing in March. Rehearsals are going well. Because some scenes require most of the cast members and some require just a few, on rehearsal days there are anywhere from 5 to 32 members at rehearsal.
  - Volunteer Night for the music went well.
  - Barbershop Quartets are competing on Feb. 7. All three groups are going.
  - Maggie Cook’s position as department chair is going well.
  - Feb. 22 – Solo/Ensemble Competition at Meredith.
  - Chorus is planning to go to Williamsburg for a competition on Apr. 19.
  - One chorus student is in the running for Governor’s School.
  - Disney trip was Dec. 12 through 16 and was described as best trip ever. Chorus attended a “certified” workshop and heard themselves as soundtrack to a short Lion King video. Workshop leaders were impressed at our students’ singing and solfège abilities. Mickey Mouse made a special appearance. During the concert, students wore gold robes and beautiful sashes, the orchestra was huge, and someone hand-signed the whole performance.
- c. Dance – Carol Myers
- Classes are too large, some as large as 36 (27 is already a large class for the dance hall). Dance teacher (Patricia Albornoz) would like to have another part-time teacher on staff.
  - Patricia donated \$1,432 to Duke’s Children’s Hospital from the Christmas concert.
- d. Drama – Chris Bartelucci
- Drama Club performance is postponed due to the large number students who overlap with the musical.
  - “Island skins” have been rented and will be hung in the theater.
  - Theater Arts Class 2 will do Riki Tiki Tavi in April. The play is full of fantasy and puppetry.
  - Ray and Chris were asked to market the play to young children. Karen suggested they take the play to nearby elementary schools, such as Green Hope Elementary.
  - Susan Watts says she had no problems in the past posting laminated flyers at local elementary school entrances (Green Hope, Davis Drive, Turner Creek, Morrisville, Weatherstone).
  - Two years ago, elementary school children were brought to Green Hope for a matinee performance of *Seussical the Musical*. After the performance, students were thrilled to exit through a “tunnel” of cast members. A lot of parents came back for the evening performance because their children were so excited.
  - Spring Drama Showcase on May 15 will showcase new students.
  - The Key Club is doing a joint project with the Theater Arts 2 class that involves “learning community sharing.”
  - Ray asked whether we had a solicitation letter to give to corporations to ask for donations. Ann says she will create one. In the past, corporations have donated items on which we’ve put their names. We can also put corporate sponsor names in the program.
  - Carol suggested getting donations to get a sound-shell for the auditorium.
- e. Orchestra – Karen Russell

- Orchestra and band members auditioned for Eastern Regional All-State Orchestra on Jan. 12 and were well-represented in the final cut. Symphonic Orchestra: Deanna Wung, Jenny Xue, Cathy Schule, Bobby Lam, Grace Hartman and Cheryl Schlitter. String Orchestra: Megan Jang, Akshay Nadkarni and Erik Griffis.
  - Two jazz bands have started up and rehearse before school. They recently gave a concert with the Percussion Ensemble.
  - Percussion ensemble will perform at Pieces of Gold.
  - Soiree (small chamber ensemble concert) will be February 21 in the band room.
9. Publicity Updates – Susan Watts
    - a. FAB Website calendar has been updated for spring events.
    - b. Susan uses Dreamweaver to update the Web site.
    - c. Publicity chair for the musical will contact Susan to add information about the musical onto the FAB Website.
    - d. Susan is looking for a new Publicity VP next year. Ann suggests personally approaching people who you think might be a good candidate.
  10. General Discussion – How to get more members involved
    - a. Karen suggested inviting middle school parents to meetings to get them involved early.
    - b. Teachers can help identify who the “go-getter” parents are.
    - c. Nancy says that freshman orientation is a good time to recruit parents.
  11. Next meeting is March 4 at 7 pm.
  12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ri-Shea Schlitter