

GHHS Fine Arts Booster Club

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 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 Nancy Brouthers, at 7:10 pm. In attendance: Patricia Alborno, Carol Ball, Ray Bartelucci, Linda Binkley, Nancy Brouthers, Jeff Butler, Melissa Butler, Melissa Carl, Maggie Cook, Susan Y. Davis, Doug Finan, Sandy Joiner, Mary Moyer, Carol Myers, Ann Richard, Ri-Shea Schlitter, Terry Smith, Linda Waite, Susan Watts, David Wilson, Ingrid Wright.
2. Minutes from the January 15, 2008 meeting were summarized by Ri-Shea and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report - Susan Davis
 - a. We currently have \$2035 above our reserve of \$6000 to spend for the rest of the school year.
 - b. Doug Finan confirmed that the Glaxo contribution to FAB on his behalf is to be earmarked for Choir.
 - c. Susan Watts says that her Glaxo contribution can go to the general FAB fund.
 - d. A \$100 check to "Mrs. Smith" is "stale" - written out last year, but not cashed. **Maggie Cook will look for "Mrs. Smith" to find out about the check.**
 - e. The fiscal year ends on June 30. **Teachers are asked to submit all their receipts before June 30.**
 - f. The treasurer's report was approved.
4. By-Laws – Ann
 - a. Ann will update the by-laws and file with the secretary of state.
 - b. The types of things that need to be updated are the definition of a quorum and what the board positions are.
 - c. Nancy will help Ann with the update.
 - d. IRS will need to be notified when the by-laws are amended.
5. Andrew Butler Memorial Scholarship - Melissa and Jeff Butler
 - a. Guests Melissa and Jeff Butler proposed to set up a \$1000 college scholarship in memory of their son Andrew, an avid guitarist who passed away in a car accident earlier this year.
 - b. Criteria that the Butlers are considering:
 - i) Guitar player (but need not be in the guitar class)
 - ii) Senior
 - iii) Plans to go to college (but not necessarily major in music)
 - iv) Strong character (need not be academically inclined)
 - c. Process would include:
 - i) application/nomination by teacher
 - ii) short essay
 - iii) teacher recommendation
 - d. Ann described the process for the former FAB scholarship. **Ann will send the information (application, judging guidelines, etc.) to the Butlers to use as a template.**
 - e. The Butlers intend to be the final selectors for the scholarship recipient.
 - f. They plan to fund this scholarship for 10 years, starting Spring '09.
 - g. Ann proposed a perpetual plaque that would include the name of each year's recipient, and possibly a picture of Andrew.
 - h. Scholarship money will go straight to the college, not to the student.
 - i. FAB was supportive of the scholarship, as described by the Butlers.
6. Membership - Linda Waite

- a. Total number of members was low this year, but the total funding was good.
 - b. 159 members/sponsors for the school year.
 - c. Linda Waite has not heard from Linda Compton to verify her position of Membership/Sponsorship.
7. President's Update - Nancy Brouters
- a. Nominations for 2008-2009 board positions were presented.
 - b. Linda Binkley has agreed to fill the Membership/Sponsorship position.
 - c. We still need a nomination for secretary and Publicity/PTSA Liaison.
 - d. Terry Smith offered to have her husband's Web hosting company host the FAB. Susan Watts will coordinate with Terry to move the Web site over to the new host site when the current account expires in June.
 - e. The nominated slate of officers were approved:
 President: Ri-Shea Schlitter
 Secretary: none
 Treasurer: Susan Y. Davis
 Vice-Presidents:
 Membership VP: Linda Binkley
 Publicity/PTSA Liaison: none
 Webmaster: none
 Art: Mary Moyer
 Chorus: Doug and Cindy Finan
 Dance: none
 Drama: Chris and Ray Bartelucci
 Orchestra: Karen Russell (to be confirmed)
 (Post-meeting note: Karen Russell has agreed to continue as Orchestra VP. Christopher Schlitter has agreed to take the Webmaster position.)
 - f. Nancy says that Ri-Shea will need to call a meeting July for board members only, to set the budget for the year.
 - g. The following retiring board members were recognized for their years of tremendous service to the Fine Arts Booster: Carol Myers, Ann Richards, Linda Waite and Susan Watts. Each was presented with a thank-you card and a music-motifed tote or computer bag.
8. Department Updates
- a. Art - Melissa Carl
 - i) Gifts of Gold was successful. Caleb Lin won Best of Show.
 - ii) Lily Fu took 2nd place (\$75) in Artspllosion with her Rembrandt-style self-portrait.
 - iii) 3 students won Gold Keys and 3 won Silver Keys at the Scholastic Arts Competition. Laura Stark went on to the National level, which represents the top 1% of US entrants.
 - b. Chorus - Maggie Cook
 - i) Chorus had amazing year, with trips to DisneyWorld and Virginia Beach (where Concert Chorus scored Best of Show.
 - ii) Barbershop Quartet - Boys' groups took 1st and 2nd. Girls' took 1st. Green Hope gets to keep the perpetual trophy because they are the last entry on that trophy. They are the first to win back-to-back contests. Maggie thanked Debbie Micunas for coaching the groups. She was thinking of giving a gift to Debbie from the \$450 won from the contest.
 - iii) 1st Cary Choral Classic was successful. 250 students participated from Cary, Panther Creek and Green Hope at Panther Creek. Green Hope made \$100. The event created good music in a non-competitive setting. Linda Binkley suggested that advance notice of CD recording be made next year so that the audience comes prepared to purchase CDs.
 - c. Dance - Patricia Albornoz

- i) Concert Dancers will make their December concert into an annual benefit. This year was Duke Hospital. Next year students chose to donate to Ronald McDonald House, and the students will also volunteer their time there.
 - ii) Patricia wants to bring master classes every month, starting with teachers from public schools (like ECU). She is thinking of one hour after school and would be open to all students. Initially, she would bring in personal friends, but might want to use FAB funds, too.
- d. Drama - Ingrid Wright
 - i) Last fall, a Freshman went to the county Shakespeare Festival and did very well. He received a book, which was donated to the library. He was not adjudicated because he was not an upperclassman.
 - ii) "South Pacific" won for Outstanding Scenic Design at the Capital Awards. They were also nominated for Outstanding Costume Design, Outstanding Lighting Design, Outstanding Supporting Actor (Dylan Dodson), Outstanding Supporting Actress (Meredith Davis), and Outstanding Leading Actor (Michael Davis).
 - iii) 135 people are signed up for Theater Arts I.
 - iv) Next fall, Drama Club will put on Pygmalion.
 - v) We have 15 members in the International Thespian Society.
 - vi) Terry Smith suggested that we advertise via Davis Drive Middle School newsletters. Carol Ball says she knows the contact for the newsletter.
 - vii) Tech class has become popular and now has 2 classes.
- e. Orchestra - David Wilson
 - i) Orchestra received Superior (best) rating at State Festival. They also got the highest award for any group at the festival in Washington DC. As a result, they have been invited to play at the next tier of competition in Chicago.
 - ii) Green Hope will host the All-State auditions next year on January 17.
 - iii) Guitar program has expanded. They played at the Drama department showcase and the Orchestra Spring Concert. 10 guitarists will return next year. They will have about 20 to 25. Currently students are studying as an independent study class, but David is looking into creating a curriculum, possibly based on the one at Cardinal Gibbons.
 - iv) Ri-Shea and David, along with Meaghan Clayton (orchestra director at Davis Drive Middle) and Melissa Taylor (music director at Hunter Elementary) are working on bringing Mark Woods and his Electrify Your Strings workshop here next year for the three schools.
- f. Other department news
 - i) Open Mic sessions were held during the experimental "hour-lunch" week at lunch. Will definitely consider continuing next year.
 - ii) Maggie Cook says calendar is already set for next year.
- 9. Remaining fund allocation.
 - a. The group discussed how (or whether this year) to spend the remaining FAB funds that are over and above the \$6000 buffer. Ideas include:
 - i) Spending on large projects that benefit multi-departments, such as sound shell.
 - ii) Joint multi-department festival
 - iii) Equally divide fund to each teacher.
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 - v) Professional fees, out of pocket expenses for school-related events.
 - vi) Professional development workshops, such as a lighting or sound seminar.
 - vii) Consumables for art classes.
 - viii) Storage shelves.
 - ix) "Banking" for next year
 - b. The group voted to distribute \$400 to each of the five departments, with the suggestion that departments decide amongst themselves whether and how to pool their allocations for something that benefits the group.

10. Sound shell - Carol Myers

- a. Band director Brian Myers is on-board to contribute towards sound shell.
- b. If we can initiate the project by buying one section (we will need six), Dr. Hedrick will contribute. He responds when he sees parent initiative.
- c. The shells that Carol looked into are \$1600 per section.
- d. Ingrid suggested that we spend extra money on good quality shells because the cheaper ones are difficult to use.
- e. We will also need storage space. Six shells can fit in a 39 square foot area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ri-Shea Schlitter