

Fine Arts Boosters Minutes

January 18, 2021

Members Present – Coren Hucke, Karen Keeran, Courtney Morris, Angie O’Brien, Laurel Swanson, Ryan Sweeney, Kristin Swift, Braden Wipperman, Kelly Daniel

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Laurel Swanson, president.

Minutes from November – Members reviewed copies of the November board meeting. Kristin Swift made a motion to approve the minutes; Courtney Morris seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Reports and Updates – Swift reported not a lot of financial activity: a couple of additional sponsorships and band uniform sponsorships. Karen Keeran moved to approve the financial report. Angie O’Brien seconded.

Representative/Teacher Reports

Art – The High School Drawing Contest is complete. Mr. Vandelaar had been posting winners on social media. He requests \$75 to pay for the judge fee and winners awards. The selected pieces will be on display at the Ankeny Art Center. He anticipates hearing more information about Scholastics at the end of January and has been working to get confirmed information about the status of All-State. There will be a double contest for Advanced/Learner’s Art once the pieces are returned from Ankeny. The Middle School Art Contests takes place in January and Jennie Juhl requests \$18 for award money.

Band – Mr. Wipperman reports three students were selected for SCIBA Honor Band. The December livestream concert went well and was well-received outside of the community. Thanks to BlueJay Digital for their work with the concert. He anticipates a similar format for the next concert. The Solo festival will be the first part of March – in person, small audience and appropriate spacing. Tentatively there is a potential for 100 to 120 students in high school band next year. There will be a middle school solo festival at the end of February, which will be a distanced event. Currently looking at possible performance options for 7th and 8th band.

Choir – Mr. Hucke reports no in-person choir performance in December, but recorded pieces were shared through social media. He is planning to move forward with the Variety Show February 26 and 27. Auditions will be held next week for additional acts and will also include choir, select choir, jazz choir, jazz ensemble. He is considering adjusting the performance to have the same performers each night, which would reduce audience size. He will purchase \$25 gift card (and be reimbursed) for the Viewer’s Choice awards for each show. Solo contests will be held independently, tentatively scheduled for March 1 and he expects it to be similar to the past because there are not typically large audiences. Jazz Choir still meeting but no current performances planned outside of the variety show.

Drama – Auditions for the musical will be held toward the end of the month, with a performance likely in early April.

Speech – Angie O’Brien reported that large group contests are Saturday. Snack bags are being prepared.

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Tables – the three that are remaining can find a good home.

Ryan Sweeney reported that there are several English openings and they will look at applicants that could also fill in to speech/drama positions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.