

FOFA Monthly Meeting Minutes
Sept. 3, 2019, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly FOFA meeting was called to order by President Ben Idhe. The meeting was held at the high school vocal music room.

INTRODUCTIONS

Present were Jeff Vandekieft, Stacey Frett, Julie Koch, Eric Mohlis, Lynh Patterson, Ben Idhe, Dani Christensen, Erin Leiran, Sandi Ellis, Bob Fitch, Jody Fuentes, Craig Crilly, Kathy Fortune, and Addie Vance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Jeff Vandekieft and seconded by Kathy Fortune to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Jeff Vandekieft presented the financial summary of 08/31/2019. FOFA received about \$13,500 in membership receipts in July and August, which is about \$4,000 ahead of this time last year. There is \$41,806 available to disperse as needed. A motion was made by Stacey Frett and seconded by Lynh Patterson to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

New Activities Director

Ben met with the new activities director, Brent Buttjer, to introduce him to FOFA prior to the meeting, and Mr. Buttjer was able to attend a portion of the meeting. He indicated an interest in staying involved with and supportive of FOFA. He also presented some ideas for possible fundraisers in the future.

Jody brought up the idea of ticket sales for plays and musicals being sold online through a program such as Seat Yourself rather than going through the school secretaries. Mr. Buttjer indicated he would be supportive of that. Other issues discussed included: adding more performances, increasing the cost of tickets, adding a reduced-price student ticket rather than a free ticket, and ensuring an annual play/musical is continued.

Little Hawkeye Choral Festival

Three adult volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up dinner to students at the Little Hawkeye Choral Festival, which will host about 400 students. Helpers are needed from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. Kathy requested that we make sure Taher will provide disposable plates and silverware.

OLD BUSINESS

Inventory of Supply Room

FOFA has several hundred shirts that need to be disposed of. Goodwill and other resalers indicated that they are not interested in them. Erin suggested checking with district art teachers to see if they can use them as art shirts. Ben will check on this, as well as with some other charitable organizations in town, before disposing of them.

Several baskets are in the supply room that need to be cleared out. Erin volunteered to take a look at them and see if the elementary PTOs can take them to use for the silent auction at Reading Rocks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marching Band Update

No update.

Website Update

Ben is still working on getting the link to FOFA's website donation pages rerouted to the new FOFA page so that donations no longer go through the Booster Club. A google search still brings up that old page. Ben is going to work with Mr. Buttjer to find the correct person who can update DCG's website so that it reroutes to the correct page.

Facebook and/or Signup for Volunteers

Addie recommended that FOFA use only one signup software/website for volunteers rather than different ones for different activities. Ben will send an email to all directors recommending that if they need volunteers, they can contact Addie with their needs and she will create an event on Signup for them.

In addition, Addie suggested that FOFA pay to promote certain posts on Facebook when volunteers are needed or an event is coming up. A motion was made by Jeff Vandekieft and seconded by Kathy Fortune to create a \$100 line item in the budget for the year to be used to promote events on Facebook. Motion passed.

Lynh recommended that FOFA make sure posts are cross-posted between the Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Teacher Requests

Joy Augustine	Show choir dresses Funds would be used to purchase 20 new dresses.	\$2,500	Motion made made by Kathy Fortune and seconded by Julie Koch. Approved (after \$500 used)
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Eric Mohlis	Opera Iowa for Elementary Music Teachers These funds would be used to bring in Opera Iowa to perform at South Prairie Elementary this year.	\$625	Motion made by Jeff Vandekieft and seconded by Addie Vance. Approved
Steve Britt	Purchase of tenor saxophone The horn is an Eastman horn that will be used in the jazz program.	\$1,800	Motion made by Kathy Fortune and seconded by Lynh Patterson. Approved (after \$500 used)
Kathie Hicok	Funding for band banquet	\$400	Motion made by Jeff Vandekieft and seconded by Addie Vance. Approved
Craig Crilly, Sandi Ellis	Color guard flags A set of flags to use in the opener of this year's show, as well as in future years.	\$600	Motion made by Stacey Frett and seconded by Kathy Fortune. Approved
Craig Crilly	New drum machine Will use his \$500 stipend to purchase, but the machine costs slightly more than that.	\$75	Motion made by Bob Fitch and seconded by Stacey Frett. Approved

Craig Crilly indicated that within the next few years, new marching band uniforms will be needed. New hats will likely be needed next year, which cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000. In addition, new equipment trailers will be needed in the near future. It's

possible the new trailer(s) will be needed next year. He asked that FOFA keep that in mind when planning for the future.

The group discussed many possible options for how to fundraise for large-dollar needs in the future. Ben recommended a separate meeting to brainstorm ideas and future plans for fundraisers.

Adjournment

Bob Fitch made a motion and Jeff Vandekieft seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dani Christensen, Secretary

2019/2020 DECISION SUMMARY	
Investments	
● Up to \$2,500 to support the costume needs of the middle school show choir	9/3/2019
● \$625 to bring Opera Iowa to South Prairie Elementary	9/3/2019
● \$1,800 for a tenor saxophone	9/3/2019
● \$400 for the band banquet	9/3/2019
● Up to \$600 for new flags for the color guard	9/3/2019
● \$75 for a new drum machine	9/3/2019
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