

FOFA Monthly Meeting Minutes
Oct. 1, 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

Jeff Vandekieft, Lyddia Asman, Sarah Schaeffer, Eric Mohlis, Ben Idhe, Dani Christensen, Sandi Ellis, Kathy Fortune.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dani forgot to the copies of the September minutes for review. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Jeff Vandekieft presented the financial summary of 9/30/2019. About \$38,000 is available in the account for disbursement. A motion was made by Sarah Schaeffer and seconded by Kathy Fortune to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marching Band

No update.

Website Update

No update.

Facebook and/or Signup

Lynh Patterson requested any updates to place in Mustang Monthly. Information is due about a month before the publishing date. It was discussed that FOFA should try to submit something monthly, even if small. Some suggestions included marching band update, what FOFA is supporting via teachers' stipend funds. Sarah volunteered to create a template that we can use each month to think through what might be submitted.

Take Two

The committee will need to start meeting soon to plan for the event. Kathy will start emailing committee members to get things moving.

NEW BUSINESS

The group discussed possibly moving monthly meetings from the first Tuesday of the month to make it easier for some of the music directors to attend. It was suggested that the meetings should be held at a time when parents are most available. For now, the meetings will be kept as-is, but Ben will send an email survey to get input about a potential future change.

TEACHER REQUESTS

Maddison Maddock, art teacher at South Prairie, requested \$500 for a drying rack. She can spend her \$500 stipend on the drying rack without needing approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising Ideas

Ben contacted Lori Slings at Southeast Polk about how setting up their ATM in the schools worked. Ben will continue to look into the logistics of this idea with Wells Fargo and DC-G administration.

Ben reached out to several area schools about a mattress fundraiser. Local schools raised from \$8,000 to \$20,000. It has no input costs. Johnston has a sale scheduled in November. Ben will request the rep from the fundraising company come to our next meeting, and he will reach out to the directors at schools that have done the mattress fundraiser to see how simple the process truly was. It was noted that the school's show this year is Once Upon a Mattress.

It was suggested that all fundraisers be promoted as for all arts' needs rather than for specific items (e.g., band uniforms) so that more parents will be supportive. Instead, list multiple upcoming needs on promotions. Then FOFA could save toward the varying upcoming needs.

The group discussed revisiting the directors' 5-year plans to put together an official FOFA plan for how to save for each large-ticket need across multiple years.

Another idea presented was having people test drive cars for which the dealership pays \$20 per test drive. This idea will be considered further next year.

Mrs. Ellis suggested whether we might be able to "sell" front-row parking spots or front-row seats at shows. Other districts do auction items like this.

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Schaeffer made a motion and Kathy Fortune seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 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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