

FOFA Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jan. 7, 2020, 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, Eric Mohlis, Ben Idhe, Dani Christensen, Kathy Fortune, Erin Leiran, Valerie Hawthorn, Heidi Steger, Jim Shutt, Addie Vance, Michelle Fitch, Susan Ranell, Stacey Frett, Deann McAninch, Sarah Schaeffer, and Lynh Patterson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed from the September and October meetings. A motion was made by Erin Leiran and seconded by Kathy Fortune to approve the September minutes. The motion passed. A motion was made by Jeff Vandekieft and seconded by Kathy Fortune to approve the October minutes. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Jeff Vandekieft presented the financial summary of December 31, 2019. About \$41,000 is available in the account for disbursement. We have increased membership this year. A motion was made by Stacey Frett and seconded by Kathy Fortune to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website Update

About \$300 in bills have come in from Wix for owning and housing the website, including the ability to receive forms. A motion was made by Erin Leiran and seconded by Kathy Fortune to set aside \$500 each year to maintain the FOFA website.

Facebook and/or Signup

Addie reported that sign up to help with Take Two is at 29% full for adults and 34% full for students.

Take Two

Take Two is scheduled for Jan. 24-25. Heidi Steger reported that planning is on schedule. Eight schools are participating Friday night, and 17 on Saturday. The Friday night groups will have about 100 students per group. Parking will be an issue Friday night because there is an elementary school wrestling tournament at Meadows that night. Kathy reported that concessions will be run out of the lunch line, with drinks from the concession stand. Messages requesting volunteers will continue to be sent over the next few weeks.

FOFA Night Live

FNL is scheduled for April 3. Kathy is designing a flier to send around the schools after Take Two. Eric Mohlis reported that he will not be able to run the audition process this year. He requested that auditions be run by someone other than the high school directors. He also suggested that scheduling issues with dress rehearsal and school musical will need to be worked out.

NEW BUSINESS

The DCG Education Foundation asked whether FOFA will continue to provide four \$500 scholarships (total of \$2,000). A motion was made by Deann McAninch and seconded by Jeff Vandekieft to provide \$2,000 in scholarships. Kathy will reach out to Lisa Thompson to see whether she would be willing to head up the scholarship selection process.

OLD BUSINESS

Custom Fundraising Solutions provided some dates that would work for a mattress sale. Ben is following up with Brent Buttjer to set a potential date before seeking approval for the fundraiser. The group discussed pairing the date with the school musical "Once Upon a Mattress." It was reported that Johnston made \$10,000 at their recent mattress fundraiser.

TEACHER REQUESTS

Chris Crandell, band teacher at the middle school, requested \$1,250 for the purchase of Adams Concert Chimes. The grant from FOFA will be combined with funds from the middle school music fundraisers of the past two years to purchase the chimes. FOFA is being asked to fund 50% of the chimes. A motion was made by Jeff Vandekieft and seconded by Kathy Fortune to approve the purchase. The motion passed.

Erin Leiran presented a request from South Prairie Elementary's PTO and Lisa Maifeld, music teacher at South Prairie. The PTO approved a grant to Mrs. Maifeld for about \$4,000 to spend on alto and bass xylophones for class and concert use. PTO is asking whether FOFA can help share the cost of the xylophones. Mrs. Maifeld's \$500 can be put toward the purchase. A motion was made by Kathy Fortune and seconded by Jeff Vandekieft to approve \$1,750 toward the purchase. The motion passed.

OTHER ITEMS

Kathy Fortune made a motion and Addie Vance seconded for FOFA to purchase cakes costing up to \$60 for Parents Night refreshments for Speech.

In a July 2017, FOFA approved funds to purchase show choir dresses. More dresses have been purchased this year. Jeff requested a new approval to fund the dresses. A motion was made by Kathy Fortune and seconded by Deann McAninch to grant \$1,730 to purchase dresses. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Fortune made a motion and Stacey Frett seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dani Christensen, Secretary