

February 2013 FoPA meeting

In attendance:

Leslie Boyce, Kera Dalton, Alisa Moscone, Molly Welch, Julie Glass, Karen Jancsy, Gale Argentine, Nancy Thorne, Steve Black, Dara VanRemoortel

Approved for funding:

\$600 to Steve Black – Funds 20 or more students in the new Drama Club to attend a workshop with a Broadway performer during their trip to NYC in May to see a Broadway play.

Up to \$360 for music licensing fees in this calendar year for Max Levine's senior project, which is to mix and record each of the MHS choral, band and orchestra groups. Licensing fees are \$60 per song. Max will submit a receipt for each licensing fee to be reimbursed one at a time as he gets them done.

Together in Harmony – Chairperson Dara VanRemoortel

- Sunday March 17, 2pm, Marblehead at the PAC
- Dara will send out an email requesting donations of food as time comes closer

Dramafest – Chairperson Leslie Boyce

- February 27 performance of Candide for public at 7pm at PAC
- Tammy Nohelty is going to photograph the performance
- Volunteer signups are going well for the prelims
- Photo booth cost too much – but we are going to see if Tammy Nohelty would do photos and post to SmugMug and FoPA will pay

Ken Warren Retiring/Band Orchestra next steps

- Discussion about concerns that there is no planning for succession
- Concerns about how the administration is looking at band/orchestra – that kids come up from grade school (Kate Ferris) well prepared and then there is no support in middle school and now no Ken Warren at High School
- We will invite Superintendent and Asst Superintendent to attend our March or April meeting to walkthrough: Ken Warren transition as well as discover what happened to the Arts Council money that used to come to the district? How was it used?

Need to Address:

- Need to form a Scholarship Committee – how many seniors might apply
- Communication and outreach for new Student Grant

Communications:

- Concerns that new parents still don't know what's happening and kids don't fill us in so we wish teachers would communicate to parents more
- We will try to post by Email and website more frequently
- We will try to get covered in Daily Bulletin more – but also realize that this is actually for teachers to do so we will try to step up recommending/writing daily bulletin items and suggest them to both principal and teachers involved