



Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 by 2022/23 FOAS President Ben Brown. The meeting was held via zoom with 12 people in attendance. We began with a review of the last school year. Our biggest fundraising event was the Silent Disco in the Fall, as a replacement for the Fall Bash. That event planning committee was headed by Jennifer Moore. Our mainstage show at the opera house, Disney's Descendants, went well. Our arts area specific shows were held in various venues around town. We did fundraise throughout the year, such as spirit wear sales and family restaurant nights. We helped fund field trips, classroom needs, and teacher grants. We should plan to host a Fall fundraising event this year. A Fall event has been an annual thing in the past that helps especially with funding the big fall musical at the opera house, which involves students from across several arts areas and grades.

We are a 503c organization, which can give us some flexibility compared to a standard PTA.

We ended up with \$42,000 in fundraising last year. We were \$1,000 short of meeting our budget, which was a lofty goal. Last year Prive MedSpa donated \$2000 to our fall fundraising event, the silent disco, which was very helpful. We might want to look into finding a sponsor for this year's event. It helped us offset the cost and was good advertising for them. Kroger card rewards brings in a good amount of money. We should really promote this. Last year we received a grant from the state of Kentucky for nonprofit organizations who were affected by covid. We received a \$12,000 grant which was wonderful, thank you Aden Randles for letting us know about this grant opportunity! Sponsorship for shows brought in almost \$10,000. We need a new person to lead up sponsorship, if anyone is interested please let us know!

FOAS sets aside money for each arts area class for teachers to use at their discretion. \$250 each for elementary, middle, and high school per arts area. We also support clubs and teams such as the math counts team, speech team, and robotics. Board Discretionary Funds and the Principals' Discretionary Funds are set aside to use throughout the year as long as it supports the school. The FOAS board members vote to spend these funds.

As a 503c we must carry liability insurance but our current policy seems high. The new leadership might want to shop around to see if we can find a more affordable policy.

A review of the potential budget for the upcoming school year was held. A vote was held to approve the 2023/24 FOAS operating budget, with allowance for changes as needed

as the year goes on. A fundraising goal of around \$26,000 in total sponsorship and fundraising throughout the year was set. The 2023/24 budget was approved.

A vote was held for our new slate of board of directors for the upcoming 2023/24 year. This new board was approved.

Welcome our new FOAS Presidents McRae Stephenson and Alexis Gross. Thank you both for volunteering! FOAs will look into the idea of a parent meet & greet event. Especially after Covid, parents haven't had the chance to get to know one another. A new board communication tool is needed. McRae will establish a GroupMe group for all board members. Our Fall fundraiser needs to be underway soon! Potential silent disco again? Volunteers are needed to head this committee. Interested? Contact FOAS. FOAS will look into participating in the good giving challenge. Do we need to create a separate fundraising chair or fundraising team?

Cruise In: FOAS has a table set up. It is staffed. We will promote families joining the FOAS mailing list, sell spirit wear, and answer questions.

Arts Area and classroom/grade level reps are needed. We will investigate who is returning and where there might be gaps. Heather Collins will take charge of reps and will contact them soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.