



## Meeting Minutes August 16, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by FOAS president Ben Brown. This meeting was held in person and via zoom, with 14 people in attendance in person and 12 on zoom. We began with an overview of FOAS and how we differ from a traditional school PTA.

July meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.

**About FOAS** – SCAPA's FOAS is a 501c3 organization with an elected board. The 501c3 structure provides flexibility for fundraising money and gives FOAS the ability to financially support SCAPA productions without the restrictions of a standard PTA. Present FOAS board members were introduced. FOAS functions as a bridge between the school, the home, and the community. We support productions, teachers, students, arts areas, academics, and school facilities. FOAS members are needed to help communicate, organize, fundraise, and volunteer. We have several methods of communication: FOAS website, arts area & grade level Facebook groups, Instagram, an email listserv, and handouts. We fundraise by selling production sponsorships, selling SCAPA wear items, and hosting family events.

**About SCAPA Bluegrass** – We have 277 total students with approximately 54-56 in each grade level. SCAPA has 9 majors: ballet, band, contemporary dance, drama, literary arts, piano, strings, visual arts, and voice. Our mainstage productions are held at the Opera House in Lexington.

**Financial Review** – Heather Richardson, treasurer, presented the budget (see attached). We base our budget on previous years income and expenditures. 2022/23 budget was reviewed. Line items will be further reviewed by the financial committee and then budget will be finalized.

**Principals Update** – Principal Beth Randolph spoke about the first week of school. It is SCAPA's 36<sup>th</sup> year! We're off to a great start. SCAPA takes your students' safety very seriously. Doors are locked and alarmed.

**Special Guest** – FCPS Director of Fine Arts, Katherine Lowther, spoke about her new role for Fayette County Schools. Katherine is also a SCAPA parent. Katherine's biggest goal for Fayette County is equitable access to the arts throughout the county. She would like to see more diversity in SCAPA applications.

**Silent Disco** – SCAPA's fall fundraising event this year will be a Silent Disco. Planning committee will meet Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Email Jennifer Moore or Pinky Tay for more information.

**FOAS needs** – Open Positions: vice president (president elect), vp of development, vp of administration, vp of education & enrichment, parliamentarian, parent reps.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.