

Highland Fine Arts Boosters  
 Meeting Minutes  
 12/10/2025 @ 6:30 pm (zoom)

Call to order:

Attendees: Emily Piette, Owen Piette, Andy Vercande, Jeremiah Carter, Jayme Kallaus, Jason Knox, Katie Knox, Sam Holden

Roll Call/Approval of Agenda:

Treasurer's Report: motion to approve

<b>Upcoming Fine Arts Activities</b>	
<b>December 15 - Winter Concert (7:00 PM, HS gym)</b>	
<b>Band</b>	<b>Action</b>
Trip updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip costs increase due to not meeting minimum person threshold. Down one chaperone.</li> <li>• Total trip cost for students is now \$2,375 which is a \$90 increase from the \$2,285 we were originally quoted</li> <li>• Total trip cost for chaperones is now \$2,510, which is a \$225 increase from the \$2,285 we were originally quoted</li> <li>• Will need a total of 9 rooms for lodging.</li> </ul> <p>Our next payment to Sunshine Travel will be \$19,635, due on January 12<sup>th</sup>          After reviewing the list of student volunteer events, all students will receive fundraising benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enough money is available to pay for the students' January trip payment</li> <li>• Student who had whole trip paid in full will have money refunded</li> <li>• Chaperone payment will need to be \$840 per adult</li> </ul> <p>Our final payment to Sunshine Travel will be \$16,730, due on February 12<sup>th</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leftover fundraising money will be used to reduce students' February payment                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ \$650 per student</li> <li>◦ \$770 per adult chaperone</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Other events:	Selected students to University of Dubuque Honor Band: Friday, January 16 Jazz Band to Coe College for competition. Date to be announced. Mr. McDonald will request registration fees paid by the school.
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Action</b>
Musical wrap up:	Around \$2,000 earned from admission for the musical. YAY and congrats. Still need \$ from a few students for musical t-shirts.
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<b>Drama</b>	<b>Action</b>

<i>This Murder was Staged</i> has been selected for the spring play.	Student auditions for the play in January. Jacob \$1,000 requested for the scripts, rights, and the set/costumes. Katie makes a motion to approve \$1,000 to fund the play. Sam seconds the motion. All ayes.
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**Upcoming dates:**

**April 12-16** - Spring Play Tech Week

**April 17-18** - Spring Play Performances (7:00 PM, HS gym)

Speech	Action
Updates from Jayme	Student speech meeting Thursday, 12/11/25. New category: video casting for individuals. Because it's new, students would not qualify for state in this category.
Speech \$ account	At the beginning of the school year, we will bring the account for speech up to \$500 for the year. Jayme will send Jason an email with the exact amount in account and will send check to school to bring the account to \$500. This was approved by the fine arts boosters last school year.

**Upcoming dates:**

**January 24, 2026:** Large group district

**February 7, 2026:** State large group state

Art	Action
<b>Updates from Ms. Trees</b>	Ms. Trees will work with Mr. Carter and Mr. McDonald to feature students' art in the hallways to view during the winter concert.  Idea: Elementary school uses rolling partition wall to display art. This might be an idea for future art features.

Next meeting January 14, 6:30pm Highland Boardroom