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Meeting Notes for March 28, 2009

Note: This meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009. Due to conflicts, it was rescheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

There were five executive board members present: Nick Ragusano, Millie Butler, Giles Turner, Ursula Woodard, and Toni Linde.

Executive Board

Chairperson
Nicholas Ragusano

Vice-Chairperson
Millie Butler

2nd Vice-Chairperson
Giles Turner

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Toni Linde

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Lucy Hackett
Barbara Murray
Melinda Rosselli
Christopher Tootle
Brandt Woodward

Chairman Nick Ragusano opened the meeting at 4:00 PM and presented the financial report as prepared by Shannon Lowery. As of March 11, 2009, the Amador Schools Arts Foundation has \$5,613.74. This includes \$152.50 from Amadoropoly.

A report of the various activities was presented.

The District Art Show had a very good turnout. The entertainment was a key part of the reception. March seems to be a good month for the show. The ASAF executive board is considering sponsoring the show next year and providing additional live entertainment, prizes, creating a juried show, and getting more publicity from local media. Advertisement, or lack of, was considered to be a primary part of this and all events of the Amador Schools Arts Foundation.

Toni Linde commented on last year's Extravaganza and presented ideas for improvement. This year's event will be at the Italian Picnic Grounds on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The time is set for 1:00 to 5:00, although that may be shortened if necessary. The ASAF will have access to the grounds and the building in case of rain, provided that construction has been completed by then. The cost of rental is \$400.00 plus a refundable cleaning fee. Toni is in the process of contacting sponsors and vendors. She will finalize the contracts. Already on board for participation are the Volcano Theatre Company, Taste, House of Chantilly, Chocolate Lady, Andre's, Jamba Juice, and Imperial Hotel. On a motion and a second, the Board approved the expenditure of \$400.00 to cover rental. Sponsorship is expected to recoup the funds for this.

Final thoughts of last year's Cabaret were brought up. Even though there was not a great deal of profit from it, the Board considered it a success. There were many one-time costs that will not be repeated; therefore, future Cabaret performances should garner more income. This year's Cabaret will be at the American Legion Hall. There will be a no-host bar, staffed by an American Legion volunteer. Hors' d'oeuvres will be served prior to the performance. The Board discussed the need for additional volunteers to help with decorating, set-up, break-down, and clean-up. Service clubs will be approached for these. Jane Ragusano has agreed to handle all reservations and seating assignments. The next meeting of the Board will have as its main agenda item the setting of a timeline of activities to prepare for both the Extravaganza and Cabaret. This is especially important for publicity. Toni Linde will discuss publicity options with the Ledger-Dispatch. She will also contact Volcano Communications for flyer inserts. She was thinking of having a "double sided" flyer for both the Extravaganza and the Cabaret.

The arts are the foundation of all education.

Last year's participation in Sutter Creek's Festival of the Arts was also discussed. Attendance was low for ASAF, but the Board decided to participate again this year. The date is May 16, 2009. ASAF will have a staging area more to the middle of the event rather than at the north end of the street. Millie Butler will as VAPA members to provide examples of arts education, including the use of Orff instruments, puppet theatre, etc. The Board is considering giving an incentive for schools to participate, probably \$150.00 for schools who present at the event.

Idamae Isotolo is still working with teachers on a visual arts unit. The ASAF Board has agreed to provide some fiscal sponsorship for this. The amount will be brought up at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 4:00 in Millie Butler's room at Amador High School.

Chairman Nick Ragusano closed the meeting at 5:30.

Minutes taken by Ursula Woodard