

Washington High School PPA  
Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2009

President Lisa Thirnbeck called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and welcomed everyone. Introductions followed. Thirty-six people were in attendance.

**Program**

**Mr. Jim Miller** reported on the band for the upcoming year.

Marching band competitions will be starting soon.

**Mr. Steve Shanley** discussed the PPA' s contribution to the band sexpenses and highlighted several areas that require hiring professionals from outside the school. He also discussed the importance of band parent participation with PPA. An outstanding presentation from the drum line followed.

**Principal' sReport**

**Dr. Ralph Plagman** distributed and reviewed a three page report. He thanked the PPA for the \$742,972.36 contributed to WHS over the last 10 years. The report gave the percentage breakdown to each PPA program. The PPA contributed \$91,225 to WHS for the 2008-2009 school year. \$31,745 (41%) of the distribution went to the band program, \$22,606 (30%) vocal, \$2,245 (3%) orchestra, \$7,032 (9%) drama, \$2,500 (3%) dance, \$1,000 (1%) all-state, \$5,000 (7%) transportation, \$4,872 (6%) band uniform/robe fund, totalling100% of the \$77,000 2008-2009 budget. An additional, \$14, 225 was contributed to the uniform/robe fund.

Dr. Plagman then presented his proposed 2009-2010 budget. (page 2) He explained that he and the directors have worked very hard to reduce their operating expenses to \$74,500 so that PPA could come closer to meeting the \$25, 000 goal for the robe/uniform fund this school year.

He also provided a cost estimate for choir robes and band uniforms (page 3). The total estimated cost for choir robes and band uniforms is \$100,936.17. He explained that the old concert choir robes were 26 years old. The original robe payment of \$22,211.17 came from WHS families that contributed directly to the robe fund, one family contributed \$15,000. Ninety choir robes are still needed.

This is year two of a three year major contribution from the Warrior Athletic Board (WAC) for band uniforms. WAC contributed \$5,000 last year to the band uniforms and will contribute \$5,000 again this school year. \$58,750 has already been raised for the robes and uniforms. The balance to be raised is \$42,185.47.

Dr. Plagman has been meeting with band parents regarding the band uniform fundraising. They have special band uniform projects planned. Dr. Plagman believes that with their projects and possibly the school activity fund, new band uniforms will be ordered in February and the band will march in new uniforms next year.

## **Executive Committee Reports**

**Secretary-** The May 7, 2009 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer-** Danielle Rings presented the 6/30/09 treasurer' s report prepared by Jeff and Carolyn Henry. Danielle Rings moved that the surplus of \$11,000 and the \$3,225 in the band account be moved to WHS for band uniforms. The motion was seconded and passed.

A thank you note will be written to WAC for their \$5,000 contribution to the band uniforms this year.

**2009-2010 PPA Board Meeting and Program Schedule** was presented by Lisa Thirnbeck

## **Directors' Reports**

**Band-**Already reported in program update

**Dance-**No Report

**Drama-**Mr. Bill Lammers Reported

Ms. Carrie Fattig-artistic director

Mr. Bill Lammers-technical director

Ms. Pat Lammers-assistant director

Mr. Ben Godwin-technical director

"Nunsence" opens in two weeks with a cast of five girls and will be a great show. In the Little theatre at 7:30 pm.

"Into the Woods" directed by Carrie Fattig will open the second week of November.

There will be several speech events.

The Children's Theatre production will be " Gq Dog, Go!" .

MuDaCo is in May.

A refrigerator is needed to store paint.

Ms. Carrie Fattig is in need of a sewing machine that does not need repair.

Mr. Lammers thanked the PPA for their contributions to the drama program.

Approximately \$6,000 goes to royalties per year and building materials. He and Brian Schulte are looking into grant writing to upgrade sound equipment in the theatre.

**Orchestra-**JoAnn Cook reported the first concert is Oct. 6.

**Vocal-**JoDee Anderson reminded everyone that there are upcoming vocal concerts in October.

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership-**Julia Clair reported PPA has 71 members with contributions of \$12,885 to date; she encouraged matching funds when available. Thank you letters and PPA event passes will be mailed soon.

**Volunteers-**Karen Greif, volunteer coordinator for WHS, reminded everyone how important it is to submit all volunteer hours. Last year WHS had 9924 volunteer hours from 212 people. The district records the hours for grant writing. A disclosure card is required from every school volunteer.

**Endowment-**Lisa Thirnbeck reported there is approximately \$66,000 in the endowment account. Charlie Rohde will have more information next month.

**Hall of Fame**-Shelly Bell encouraged qualified nominees be brought to her attention  
**Performer of the Month**-Patty Schulte reported that outstanding students are honored. Patty is looking for someone to shadow her this year.

**Spirit Wear**-Patty and Brian Schulte reported that they sell at various PPA events and order the Hall of Fame gifts. WHS PPA car windows stickers were suggested. A volunteer is needed to shadow for next year.

**Website**-Lisa Thirnbeck announced this is Len' s last year and a volunteer to replace him next year is needed. Lisa and others stressed his huge commitment to the PPA program over the past several years. His generosity of his time and talent is unequalled. His new webpage address is <http://whsppa.pbworks.com> and Len' s new email address is [whs.ppa@gmail.com](mailto:whs.ppa@gmail.com)

**The List**-Lisa Thirnbeck reported that 318 have been sold, 100 less than last year. This is Lisa' s last year and she is looking for someone to shadow for next year.

**Buy It For a Song**-Cyndie Birchansky and Liz Parsons asked about changing Raul, the auction' s logo to a new logo. Discussion followed and as chairs they can make any changes they would like. Also, they are in need of a volunteer to assist Michelle LeCompte with data entry. The auction is Thursday, November 5. They will be heavily promoting the auction at all PPA events. There are many volunteer opportunities with the auction and anyone willing to help is encouraged to contact Liz or Cyndie.

**Old Business**-none

**New Business**-none

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6 at 6 pm in the choir room. Dr. Gerald Kreitzer will present the program.

Diana Neppl, Secretary