Washington High School PPA
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2011

President Karen Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, in the Washington High School Little Theatre and welcomed everyone. Eighteen members/guests were in attendance.

Program
Megan Witte, Washington High School Dance Team Coach, presented an update on the dance program.
The dance team currently has 22 members. The team had three competitions this year and performed very well.
Dance team auditions for 2011/2012 were held last week. Thirty-one girls auditioned. Twenty-three girls will be competing; two are alternates. The 2011/2012 team consists of seven freshman, six sophomores, five juniors and five seniors. The results were posted on the school website on Monday. The team will be attending a dance camp at Adventureland for the first time this year. Ms. Witte thanked the PPA for their financial support.

Administration Report
Dr. Plagman introduced Peter Westphalen the new vocal department co-chair. It was announced that Michael Weaver, a choreographer from Chicago, will be working with Momentum and Celebration next year. Mr. Westphalen will be entering solo and large group competitions next year. Show choir clinics will be May 9,10 and 11. Mike Weaver will be attending the auditions on May 10. The music program will continue to be very well rounded with jazz choir, show choir, concert choir and all-state competitions.

Executive Committee Reports
Secretary- The March 1, 2011 minutes were approved.
Treasurer- Danielle Rings presented the Treasurer's report. Dr. Plagman has requested $90,000.00 from the PPA for the 2010/2011 school year. Karen Matthews reminded the members in attendance that the PPA is a gifting organization, the school administration determines the distribution of funds to the various performing arts groups at Washington High School. Due to safety concerns, there is a need to replace the choral risers in the choir room. They were not manufactured to dance on for show choir rehearsals. Danielle Rings reported that the endowment funds have never been used. The fund is set up for use if there is a shortfall in the annual PPA funds. The endowment was established with $60,000.00 in one account and $5,000.00 in a second account.   If principle funds are withdrawn the funds must be paid back according to the by-laws. The endowment balance on March 1, 2011 is $77,159.00; $12,1590.00 is available and not subject to repayment. Mr. Bill Lammers presented a quote for risers that are manufactured for dancing in the amout of $10,639.59. Lori Klopfenstein moved we purchase the risers for dancers as presented by Bill Lammers. M/S/P Bill Lammers will coordinate the purchase. The goal is to have the riser by the end of July for 2011/2012 show choir camp.

Committee Reports
MO SHOW-Saturday, March 12 was a very successful event. Karen thanked the Mary and Kevin Gesing. Approximately $39,000 was raised.
Frankfurter Fest-May 19, 2011 Suzanne Coleman will use genius for PPA parents to volunteer and provide event food needs. Alyssa Turk has designed a fun new logo for all promotional materials. This is always a great family event with performances by show choirs. The event is held in the court yard.
Hall Of Fame-Cindie Birchansky reorted that the induction of Casey Prince into the PPA Hall of Fame will be at Frankfurter fest.

Discussion Items-The All City Music Contest completion was held two weeks ago at Washington High School. The All City Music Contest is not a PPA event, it does involve the PPA band representatives.   Anne Salamon reported that there needs to be more continuity; the event is held at WHS every three years. More communication is needed with the band director. She reported a huge breakdown in the communication. Expectations and goals need to be more clearly defined.

A discussion followed regarding plans for Dr. Gerald Kreitzer's retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm. The next PPA meeting will be May 10, 2011 at 7 pm. The program will be presented by Matthew Armstrong, Washington High School Jazz Director.

Diana Neppl, Secretary