

Washington High School PPA
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2011

President Karen Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, in the Washington High School Little Theatre and welcomed everyone. Ten members/guests were in attendance.

Program

Mr. Matthew Armstrong, Vocal Department Co-Director and Jazz Director, was conducting show choir auditions during the meeting. During a break from the auditions he introduced the new show choir choreographer, Mike Weaver, from Chicago. Mr. Weaver has been very successful with show choirs. Mr. Armstrong thanked Mr. Peter Westphalen, the new vocal department co-director for bringing Mr. Weaver to Washington High School for the auditions. Mr. Armstrong discussed his role as lead director for MoShow 2012. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Westphalen have started pursuing judges for MoShow 2012.

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary- The April 14, 2011 minutes were approved.

Treasurer- Danielle Rings presented the treasurer's report. At the end of May, 2011 approximately \$70,000.00 will be transferred to Washington High School for performing arts expenses as presented by Dr. Plagman. Washington High School Request for PPA Reimbursement May 2011. (Report attached) Approximately \$5,000.00 will remain in the PPA treasury for the 2011/2012 school year. M/S/P

Committee Reports

Frankfurter Fest-May 19, 2011 Suzanne Coleman reported that last year PPA members donated \$600.00 cash for Frankfurter Fest. A discussion followed regarding food purchases. This year recycling bins will be available.

Hall Of Fame-Cyndie Birchansky is very excited to present the Hall of Fame award to Casey Prince at Frankfurter Fest.

Retirements-President Karen Matthews reported that a letter was emailed to 300 current performing arts parents and 75 PPA alumni families regarding the retirement of Dr. Gerald Kreitzer and Mr. Paul Shanley. The funds collected will be given as cash gifts to the retirees. A discussion followed regarding future scholarship endowment in their names.

New Business

Karen Matthews announced the following officers and committee chairs for 2011/2012:

President-Kathy Lithow

Treasurer-Ann Lenzen

Secretary-TBA-Karen is attempting to recruit an orchestra parent

Hall of Fame-Cyndie Birchansky

Historian-Ann Salamon

WebMaster-Mike Coleman

Performer of the Month-Margaret Wolter

"The List"-Melissa Carlson

Spirit Wear-Norma Walters

Buy It for a Song Auction-Dee & Dan Baty and Jana & Gene Nassif

Cocoa & Carols-Melissa Carlson

Sugar & Show-Alyssa Turk

Java & Jazz-Cyndie Birchansky & Ann Salamon

MoShow-Lori & Sanjay Shah

Administrative Report

Dr. Ralph Plagman reported that the new band director will be Brett Messenger, Director of Bands at Waterloo West. Prior to Waterloo West Mr. Messenger was the Assistant Band Director at Prairie. Dr. Plagman said he is a "great jazz director" from Valley High School in West Des Moines and the University of Iowa.

Dr. Plagman presented his request for PPA reimbursement vs actual expenses (see attached document). Dr. Plagman thanked the PPA for their funds and support. He indicated Washington High School would not be able to hire the talent they have without PPA funding. Dr. Plagman will again publish the distribution of funds to all the PPA groups.

Dr. Plagman will introduce the new vocal director, Peter Westphalen, and band director, Brett Messenger, at FrankfurterFest.

A discussion followed regarding the use of student fundraising funds (greenery sales, fruit sales and etc) for annual performing arts fees. Dr. Plagman confirmed that all fundraising monies raised by students through the performing arts departments are to be credited to students' individual accounts and credited to students' performing arts fees.

Dr. Plagman confirmed he will clarify this policy with all WHS accounting staff.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Diana Neppl, Secretary