

Washington High School PPA

Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2012

President Kathy Litow called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. in Room 128 at Washington High School and welcomed everyone. Eleven members/guests were in attendance.

Program

Kathy introduced Pam Schroeder, the new band co-director, who discussed her background in music education. Pam's responsibilities include music lessons, concert band, jazz band, and teaching AP Music Theory. Pam stated that the Jazz Band has three upcoming events; February 17th at UNI, February 24th at Coe College, and NEIBA on March 3rd, 2012.

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer-Phil Lenzen did not attend the meeting, but Kathy stated that per Phil we are going to use PPA funds to pay judges involved in PPA events. In addition, we are to go to Phil for reimbursement if purchasing items for MoShow, etc.

Secretary-The January 5, 2012 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Announcements/Committee Reports

Old Business

On-line ticket sales-Kathy stated that seats cannot be reserved on-line without making a purchase, so it was determined that pre-sale tickets must be purchased in person. Mike Coleman suggested that we hold the pre-sale for the number of days in the performance. For example, we would sell tickets to PPA pass-holders three days ahead of time for a performance that runs three days. Mike stated that this perk would also be a way to drive membership. This suggestion was voted on and approved.

In other business, Kathy stated that it is time to begin recruiting people to join our group as officers and committee chairs for next year. Carrie Tinkham said that we could have a PPA sign-up sheet at the entrance to the speech competition for those interested.

New Business

Lammer's Lights-Originally discussed at the January 5, 2012 meeting, Bill Lammers reiterated the need for 24 new ellipsoidal stage lights. The existing lights are old and abused, but will continue to be used for travel from the auditorium to the gym, etc. Each light costs \$275.00 apiece. With shipping, the total per light is \$320.00. Per Bill, the best bid for 24 lights is \$7660.00. As this project is not a PPA money request, various fundraising ideas were discussed, such as giving people an opportunity to "buy" a light and have their name on a plaque in a display case. Paul Salomon suggested a "Your Name up in Lights" theme, which was well-received by all. Bill would like to start this project right away if possible. Kathy suggested that we get students involved by having them help write letters to perspective donors, stuff envelopes, etc., so that they have a sense of ownership in the project. She also suggested that perhaps PPA could come up with matching funds depending upon the amount raised. A suggestion was raised that we use funds earned from the speech event, however, those funds are earmarked for scholarships for free and reduced lunch students to enable them to participate in performance events. A motion to go ahead with the project was voted on and approved.

Hall of Fame-Bill Lammers presented the list of names of the nominees. A motion to accept the recommendations was approved.

Speech-Ann Salomon stated that the volunteer situation for the speech contest is looking good, with the exception of cafeteria workers, which are still needed. Individuals interested in helping may go to the sign-up genius on the PPA website and use the link for volunteering or donating.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Pam King, Secretary