

**Washington High School PPA  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11,2012**

President Kathy Litow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Band Room at Washington High School and welcomed everyone. 22 Members/guests were in attendance.

*Program*

Kathy welcomed all parents to the meeting and encouraged all interested people to attend our future meetings. The evening began with a performance by the Washington Drum Line. Mr. Miller introduced himself as the director of the band program with Mr. Nagle. The eight-member drum line played a portion of the Tommy music the marching band will be performing for the marching season. Mr. Miller shared the marching season will end the first weekend in October. The remainder of the year will be spent in Concert band and Orchestra. The band will also perform as pep band, perform in the school musical and at other events throughout the school year. Mr. Miller also introduced Mr. Nagle and welcomed him to Washington HS.

IBM association will be held in May, the band will submit a tape for submission and then perform at the event. Washington has been invited every year since Mr. Miller began his tenure as band director.

Thank you from all of the teachers associated with Performing Arts and the impact on students. He thanked us for the additional instructors that come into teach lessons to the various students.

Next speaker: Dr. Plagman. He echoed Mr. Miller about support of PPA and it's impact on student achievement. Since 2000, over one million dollars has been contributed. He praised work of many through events like the Frankfurter Festival, MoShow, etc.

Dr. P also highlighted the success of the marching bands and their performances. The budget shared the details of the expenditures used by the PPA departments. The PPA voted to cover free and reduced fees for all students interested in participating in any programming.

*Executive Committee Reports*

Introduced all members of the PPA board present at the meeting. Kathy Litow, Phil Lenzen, Lisa Butler, Jona Seifert, and Mike and Suzanne Coleman.

Mike Coleman made a motion to accept the minutes. Phil Lenzen seconded the motion.

*Secretary Report-*

Jona Seifert read the report to group.

*Treasurer's Report-*

Phil Lenzen reported the updated events. The amounts reported were slightly different based on charges by Mo Show.

Speech Contest net: \$12,000. It takes time for all the bills to be processed following events.

Q-What % of 80,000 is earned income versus contributions. This year contributions was memberships was 15,000. MoShow netted 19,000. Concession sales were about 22,000. Attendance at MoShow was lower the past year, Kennedy HS did not participate. We need to encourage volunteers to be part of the event.

For March 2013-Current schools registered for MoShow are 23. A middle school division has been planned. Peter Westphalen contributed information.

Buy it for a Song event went well, Did that deflect from future contributions?

Suzanne Coleman updated us on Frankfurter Festival. Great weather. Profit was \$1,110.

Lisa Butler presented on memberships. As of today \$13,500.

Conversation of attendees regarding passes and membership cards to PPA.

Clerical time to process membership- her time was spent processing donations. The personal touch to encourage people to consider membership will increase donations.

Darcy and ? Carlson will assist Lisa to streamline the mailing process when responding to donations. Membership forms people can check areas of interest to volunteer, 35 people responded.

Kathy Litow suggested a phone-thon weeks before Buy It for a Song to gain interest and awareness.

BIFAS is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Should names be listed on the website?

### *Announcements*

*BITFAS- Jana Nassif and Dee Baty chaired last year. Jana shared the report from last year. Nicki Fracke and Heidi Becker have agreed to work on the committee for this year. Jana is working to get involvement from several groups. Food corners will be continued this year. Look for contacts from each segment to chair this. Co-chairs are preferred to lighten the workload. Raffle boards were successful. Baskets will be limited, grab bags were a huge success. Jana looked at profit areas and will continue to grow those areas. Jana shared that it is a great way to showcase all of the great events available at Washington HS, Suggested rotating corners of food for variety. Next BITAS meeting Thursday evening at 5:30 in Room 128. All are welcome. Idea: Paddle to support specific items to benefit PPA. Ex. \$45. Activity fee, \$ 75. Uniform for show choir, etc.*

### Old Business

Kathy brought up new lights for the auditorium. The lights have become battered moving them from the gym to the auditorium, etc. for events, and the current lights are nineteen years old. Mr. Lammers mentioned the cost of repair versus replacing them.. The lights are in poor shape and have exceeded their lifespan expectancy.

Are there options PPA could offer?

Approach alumni for donations.

"Your name in lights." A plaque on the wall? Honoring donors? Involve students to address flyers and write personal letters. Repairs can be maintained by Mr.

Lammers, but the meeting attendees felt strongly that the lights need be replaced at once.

Sue Coleman passed a motion and Phil Lenzen seconded the motion to replace the lights.

Bill would like a committee to help with a mailing: beginning with Performing Arts Alumni. Six people volunteered.

Parents received "The List" today. Could we include parent names in the future?

New Business

Cyndie Birchansky is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Java and Jazz. Mr. Nagel provided an update. Drum set artist from the east coast, Washington Jazz groups perform, desserts and coffee served. \$8.00 charge.

Suggested idea: Representatives from of each group: Provide a synopsis of each of the event to encourage website readers to be aware.

Mike Coleman has contacted his employer about a donation to honor his volunteer hours. They may be contributing a donation in his honor.

Sue Nading will keep all updated though Sign up Genius about upcoming events and meetings.

Save HyVee receipts to contribution donations to your school. A percentage will be donated to school.

Meeting adjourned Lisa Butler

Cori Valenti seconded the motion. 8:30 p.m.