

Washington Patrons of the Performing Arts Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2014

Heidi Becker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday October 7, 2014 in the room 128 at Washington High School.

Ms. Becker presented the Minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Gwen Engen presented the membership report. There are 90 families with approximately \$15,000 in membership funds. She indicated that she has included names of all companies who match contributions on the play and concert inserts to remind people who have made donations to ask for matching funds if their company does so.

Carol Elliott presented the treasurers report. The balance is \$26,121.25 as compared to approximately \$17,000 at this time last year. She also commented that membership was the majority of the funds in the account at this time.

Peter Westphalen presented a quartet consisting of Hunter Moore, Maya Altemeier, Luke Johnson and Melissa Tormene that will audition for all state. He also indicated that there is a concert on October 15 that includes all Cedar Rapids Choirs and a Choir Concert at Washington on October 21.

Teresa Wake indicated that the print shop has "The List" and it should be mailed out anytime. She also indicated that there were fewer requested this year.

Darcy Carraway reported on the possibility of PPA partnering again with TCR. The play schedule makes it so that Chorus Line would be the ideal time to do this fundraiser. She indicated that the house would cost PPA \$7,500. Carol Elliott will provide Darcy with a breakdown of ticket sales for Les Mis and the two will meet and prepare a proposal for presentation at the next meeting.

Heidi Becker advised that the Chair of Buy It For A Song has backed out of chairing this event. She also assured everyone that things are being handled. She indicated that there would not be a live auction this year due to the lateness of starting our item gathering and the cost of the auctioneer. However, there are some new things this year such as hand painted canvas art. We will have a TV and a Kendall Fire as well as many other great items. We will have the event in the Old Gym since a new floor is being installed in the New Gym due to water damage. Bill Lammers advised that there will not be a stage this year due to some damage from renting it out. All food will still be donated. Ms. Becker advised that almost all group sponsorships were filled and that only orchestra and dance team were open. Promotion of the event will be done via flyers, yard signs, display case outside of main office, virtual backpack, various websites, email and a robo call from Dr. Plagman. Megan Ginsberg will be the emcee. Kate Hogg will create a sign up genius for food and we will again take credit cards. There will be an adjusted lineup this year to help with check out.

Bill Lammers went over the upcoming musical West Side Story and that there would be an induction to the Hall of Fame. The football playoffs may affect the play schedule but that would not be known until the week before. He also advised that since our current stage is 15 years old, PPA should make plans to replace it in a few years. Pricing at this time is approximately \$18,000. A suggestion was made to start a committee next year to plan for the upcoming purchase and start talking about a special fundraiser for this item specifically.

Ms. Birchansky went over the cost and space limitations of the Hall of Fame and requested that Ms. Becker meet with Presentations about the possibility of making the Hall of Fame electronic.

The endowment committee is planning to meet and will report at the next meeting.

Teresa Wake brought up the issue of care of the grounds and wondered why all those duties were left up to PTA. There was discussion that PPA could possibly take over the beds by the performing arts wing and the WAC could have the gym areas. Some student groups currently do help out but PTA plans to reach out to more.

Ms. Becker went over the need for a Food/Cafeteria Chair for State speech and asked if anyone knows of someone who could possibly be able to chair to please let her know.

Ms. Becker advised of the funds received for the improv performance. A motion was made and seconded to approve those funds to be used to provide speech with needed IPODs. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held 11/4/2014 at 700 in room 128.

With no further business to be presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.