

Washington High School Patrons of the Performing Arts Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2014

Heidi Becker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday December 2, 2014 in the choir room at Washington High School.

Ms. Becker introduced Amy Farley, one of the choir director. Amy introduced Slice of Jazz which performed for the meeting. She went over the upcoming season for Slice and thanked the PPA for the purchase of new mics & sound board.

Ms. Becker presented the Minutes of the November meeting for approval. After motion made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Carol Elliott was unable to be at the meeting so Heidi Becker presented the Treasurer's report. Per Carol's email to Heidi & viewing Carol's report – we are up approximately \$7,000 from this time last year.

Gwen Engen presented the membership report. She said that while memberships are slowing down we are now over 100 members and matching funds are now starting to roll in.

Heidi Becker went over BIFAS, reporting the event brought in just under \$10,000. She noted how well the event ran in the Old Gym & advised it should stay there rather than move back to the New Gym next year.

Heidi Becker went over Java & Jazz, reporting the event brought in \$688. Reviews from those that attended the event were that it was a fun night.

Jan Bradley talked about the upcoming Cocoa & Carols that is being held at McKinley Middle School due to our auditorium being under construction. She noted the need for volunteers for both shows and some of the limitations we are facing being in a smaller venue. Kids performing will not be able to watch from the auditorium due to the limited seating. If they sat in the auditorium then there would be no seats for family & friends to come watch. She stated there are monitors throughout the school that would be running a live feed of the show so kids & volunteers could still see the shows. Parking will be tight so Jan recommended carpooling and parking off site.

Ms. Becker informed the group she requested from the directors a wish list that the PPA could work on getting. She noted a conversation with Peter Westphalen where they talked about how the PPA seemed to have an almost knee jerk reaction when a group suddenly has a need. It would be nice to work toward goals of "goodies" along with making sure we cover the budget needs.

Discussion was had regarding revamping the PPA closet. Nate Pollock drew up several different layouts. It was agreed that once we get the closet back we would revamp it to improve the organization of the closet in the hopes of keeping it tidy.

Discussion was had regarding adding parents' names to The List next year as a way to boost sales. Teresa Wake was going to talk with the front office and see what we would need to do to accomplish this.

Ms. Becker advised the next meeting would be held January 6, 2015 in room 128 at 7:00.

With no other business to be presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00