WHS Patrons of the Performing Arts Meeting Minutes January 6, 2015

Welcome/Call to Order by President Heidi Becker

Minutes of PPA meeting 12/2/14 approved unanimously. (Stastny/Engen)

Treasurer's Report: Carol Elliott: Fund raising going well, approximately \$10,000 ahead of where we were at year to date last year.

Memberhsip: Gwen Engen: currently at 105 members, 5 recent new members after Cocoa and Carols.

Program: Large Group Speech: Carrie Tinkham presented information regarding the activities of the speech program, including Drama Club, International Thespian Society, Large Group and Individual Speech. We are hosting Large Group speech this year, scheduled for Feb 7, 2014.

New Business:

Cocoa and Carols Wrap Up: Jan Bradley: was a success at McKinley. Venue worked well, large crowd at both performances. Had additional cookies that were donated to House of Hope, Willis Dady Shelter, First Lutheran meals program, and Catholic Worker House.

State Speech: Heidi Becker: Will be held at WHS in 1 month. Thanks to Kate Hogg, who set up Signup Genius for volunteers. We will need 225 volunteers. Potential earning of \$15,000 plus. Volunteers and food donations are the biggest need for the event. There will be 21 centers throughout the school to staff. It is a great volunteer experience-working a room allows you to watch great talent from all over the state.

MoShow: Vannessia Klinsky: Had our first organizational meeting tonight. Plans are in motion, working hard for a very successful event-this is the largest fund raiser for PPA.

Open Floor:

Bill Lammers brought to the organization a request to assist Rich Struve with purchase of medical supplies for events such as state speech and MoShow via donation and grant. Carol Elliott will meet with Rich to gather additional information and will bring information back to the next meeting as whether this would be appropriate for this organization vs. Cedar Rapids PTA.

Heidi brought forward a suggestion via Facebook as a potential fundraiser-selling holiday ornaments. Will gather additional information and bring back to group.

Heidi also mentioned that Darcy Caraway is working on a ticket sales fundraiser for a date with Theatre Cedar Rapids for the show "A Chorus Line". This was a very successful fund raiser last year. More details to come.

Submitted by Vannessia Klinsky