

Washington High School Patrons of the Performing Arts Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2015

Heidi Becker called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm on Oct. 1, 2015 in Room 128 at Washington High School.

MINUTES: Suzanne Coleman motioned to approve the minutes from the September meeting, Vannessia Klinsky seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT & BUDGET: Teresa Wake presented the treasurers report. Current balance is \$38,865. She pointed out the Tournament of Drums line items as an activity that is being brought back to Cedar Rapids. WHS participated with Kennedy HS to provide help and volunteers. The income was split 3 ways: Emerald Knights, Kennedy and Wash. Plans are to do it again in 2016 (July – date not set).

MEMBERSHIP: Gwen Engen said PPA has 82 member families and \$15,325 in paid memberships. This may be a little ahead of last year. Usually more join following fall and winter concerts/performances – although membership can trickle in through February.

PROGRAM: Megan Milito introduced the Dance Team. They performed two numbers for us! Great job! Dance Team is now 100% under the PPA umbrella and no longer split between WAC and PPA. Dance starts in May and practices throughout the summer. They have 4 competitions coming up: Iowa Spirits Spectacular (UI), Stack the Stands (Prairie), Iowa Dance Challenge (Anamosa) and State (Des Moines). In addition to competition sets, they also learn routines to perform at the football games. They will also be at the basketball games. PPA helps pay for costumes and choreography.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE LIST: Teresa Wake said The List is done, but has not been shipped. 125 were sold (income \$556). Numbers are down – 165 sold last year. Need to find way to increase sales.

TRAILER: The company Science Etc. did the decal work. (They do all the decal work for the district). They were quick and affordable. Cost so far is \$1,900 – but still need to do tailgate. Total cost estimate should be less than \$2,500.

PPA was asked to purchase spare tire, jack and generator pump for the trailer. Will try to get word out to see if anyone can donate or sponsor this purchase. Teresa Wake will get the details of what is needed.

BIFAS: Heidi Becker said BIFAS is in full blown mode! With the help of Sherry Sealy, they have received awesome donations for the auction including: Green Bay Packers football signed by all, Cubs signed ball, Vikings picture, Bobby McFerrin tickets & hotel, St Louis & Kansas City baseball games, Disney package, Mode clothing, etc. etc. etc. Have secured \$3000 for group sponsorship. Heidi will continue to provide “teasers” on the PPA FB page to peak interest. Nikki McGuire will chair next year.

OPEN FLOOR:

ENDOWMENT FUND: Thomas Wolle discussed the endowment fund. He is examining the by-laws and usage aimed at protecting this fund, which has been in existence for nearly 10 years. He will update the by-laws and present them for approval at the next PPA meeting. There is currently only VP of Endowment (Chuck Rohde) – recommends that PPA establishes a committee as there is continuous turnover in PPA members. The fund foresees that the corporation (PPA) can withdraw up to 50% to be paid back at 10% annual income until payment is complete. Very little has ever been drawn from the account. Proposal is to take a small draw

each year to be placed in another account that can be used for special things (eg: new stage). The account itself is reserved for big expenses such as MoShow being snowed out.

PORTABLE STAGE: As entire school uses stage- could be an all school fundraiser. Heidi sent a request to PTA and WAC. PTA responded that they will discuss it at next meeting. WAC has not responded.

MoSHOW: Dawn Stastny, MoShow Chair, said they had more chairs to fill and would like this complete by November. Many of last years' chairs have agreed to help train new chairs.

Thank you to Nate Pollack who delivered a donation check for \$400 to PPA. Nate's son Brytton graduated last year.

Kara Heying won the drawing for the Starbucks gift card!

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.