

Washington High School Patrons of the Performing Arts Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2015

Heidi Becker called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm on Nov. 3, 2015 in Room 128 at Washington High School.

MINUTES: Thomas Wolle motioned to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Darcy Caraway seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

DR. PLAGMAN presented his tentative funding request for \$90,200. In addition to “as usual” expenses, it includes \$4000 to be set aside for the purchase of timpani (within 3 years), add-on risers for show choir, sinfonia for drama, and an increase in the speech budget.

- Bill Lammers explained that the ‘sinfonia’ is downloadable music for drama use and has really helped in preparing the fall musical. It can also be used as a supplement to the orchestra pit – as will be done for Legally Blonde. It is an “amazing tool” that they will definitely want to use in the future.
- Speech amount increased - as there are 130 kids in large group speech this year. (There are normally around 100).

Dr. Plagman also said that WHS fine arts programs have started the year out strong. In particular, Dance Team has done very well at competitions. At State, 5 members received Division 1/Superior ratings. The orchestra raised \$858 at their Haunted House fundraiser.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Thomas Wolle followed up on the endowment fund. No changes are necessary to the by-laws. He advised pay closer attention to stay on top of the situation – VP Endowment term should be like that of the PPA board (one year terms, two year for president). PPA should establish a finance committee to review the endowment investments and performance. The committee would report periodically to the board with updates and recommendations and also ensure an amount is allocated to PPA annually. (Distributions should be made annually and can vary depending on the year.) Heidi Becker will email the PPA to find members interested to be on the finance committee.

TREASURER REPORT & BUDGET: Teresa Wake presented the treasurers report. Current balance is \$42,359.72. There are not many changes from last month except for a few new memberships. She expects a notable change next month following BIFAS.

She also followed up on new business from last month’s trailer discussion. She spoke with Mt Vernon Auto and they donated a battery booster pack for the trailer.

MEMBERSHIP: Gwen Engen said PPA has 192 member families and \$18,500 in paid memberships. At this time last year, there was \$16,200 in memberships.

PROGRAM: No program. (P. Westphalen could not attend.)

BIFAS: Heidi Becker presented. She and Sherry Sealy have been very busy. BIFAS is Thursday, Nov. 5. There are 101 donors – the biggest list Heidi has seen. Sherry Sealy has prepared the baskets! There are 194 lots (silent auction, raffle), 50 bottles of wine. Most volunteer positions are covered. She could still use help setting up on Thursday. They are still trying to find a good area for the check out. Bill Lammers will help make sure they have electricity. Nikki McGuire is chairing next year.

MUSICAL UPDATE/NEEDS: Heidi Becker presented for Lisa Butler. Legally Blonde is Nov 12, 13, 14. We still need volunteers – please consider. Volunteers will not miss the show. Superintendent Buck will attend the Wednesday matinee.

JAVA & JAZZ: Angie Meyer explained that J&J will be in the band room on Nov 17. There will be lots and lots of treats. Coe College will perform with both WHS bands. She will have a sign-up genius soon. It is fun evening!

OPEN FLOOR:

PORTABLE STAGE:

Bill Lammers explained they are no longer pursuing the purchase of a new portable stage. WHS can and will use the district stage for big, heavy use events such as MoShow. WHS will continue using old one for smaller events such as assemblies. As the district plans to keep the stage in inventory – no real need to purchase as available for school use. (Kennedy & Jefferson do similar.)

Dawn Stastny won the drawing for the Target gift card.

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