

Washington High School Patrons of the Performing Arts Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2016

Heidi Becker called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm on March 1, 2016 in the Band Room.

PROGRAM Performance: 4 members of Rev's (Alec Meyer, Ryan Miller, Simon Baker, Shawndell Young) performed sections of Rev's ballad and opener. They have a concert next Tuesday, March 8, and all are invited to hear the entire set. Sounded fantastic – Thank you!

MINUTES: Teresa Wake motioned to approve the minutes. Susan Coleman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

DR. PLAGMAN: Dr. Plagman thanked PPA for being such a vital part of the success of the fine arts at WHS. He also explained that WHS has an umbrella account which covers Performing Arts, Athletics, Admin, Student Activities, and so on. As PPA gives a check at the end of the school year, the Performing Arts accounts operates in the red and is consistently flagged by the auditor (audited monthly). He asked if PPA could break down the payment into 3: 1st after BIFAS, 2nd after MoShow, and 3rd at the end of the year. Vannessia Klinsky motioned to make 3 incremental payments going forward – (1st - \$25,000, 2nd - \$25,000 - \$30,000, 3rd -Balance). Gwen Engen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Teresa Wake gave Dr. Plagman a check for \$50,000 for this year.

Dr. Plagman congratulated the success of MoShow especially in light of all the changes and other area competitions this year.

TREASURER REPORT & BUDGET: Teresa Wake presented the treasurers report. Current balance is \$94,331.62. MoShow (main activity of the month) is expected to net over \$50,000. (Current net profit is \$53,209 – some expenses still outstanding.) Teresa wants next year's committee to look into devices for credit card payments.

MEMBERSHIP: Gwen Engen said PPA has 120 member families and \$19,995 in paid memberships. This does not include the memorials for Neal Caraway (\$2,765 to date). Next year's membership forms will include a line item for this memorial.

PROGRAM: Mr Nagel told us that the Jazz bands are in week 4 of 5 of their competition season. (MoShow, UNI Tall Corn, Coe Jazz Summit, NE Iowa Jazz Festival – the top 2 bands automatically go to Jazz Champs.) Six All State Jazz auditions have been submitted. There are 20 spots, and WHS hopes to have a few selected.

Following competitions – band moves to small groups to prepare for Frankfurter.

MoShow Jazz Clinic went well and Mr Nagel supports continuing. Positive feedback from participants – especially for the Friday groups. (Not as much for Saturday). The timing is really good for Jazz bands as it kicks off the competition season.

Mo-Show: Dawn Stastny has completed the wrap up for MoShow. Everything went very smoothly and she has good feedback/advice for next year's committee. (Angie Geuder and Patricia Oft will chair.) It was noted that the DVD quality was not good – Dawn will look into that.

NEW BUSINESS:

TCR Show: Heidi Becker reported that Darcy Caraway met with TCR. PPA will team up for one performance of “The Little Mermaid” – Thursday evening performance to be added in June. TCR will give us a code for people use when purchasing ticket. PPA will receive a flat payment for each ticket purchased with the code. (We will need to push the code: social network, emails, etc.). Ticket price will be the same.

PPA Committee for 2016-17 needs: Please help think of people to fill these positions!

1. MEMBERSHIP – intense in fall then lets up (tally, forms, reports)
2. Hall of Fame: Cyndie Birchansky has done this for 7 years – “lone wolf” job of finding, organizing, ceremony.
3. Frankfurter: Colemans would like to have someone shadow them this year and take over next year.
4. “Webmaster”– someone to work with Mike Coleman next year and ultimately take over.

Large Group music contest: May 7th. WHS is hosting this year – Heidi will look into sign-up for past volunteer needs.

Truck Repair: Teresa Wake reported that the truck's oil gauge needs repair. Solution: take it to Ernie and get it fixed. The next truck need is graduation.

Angie Meyer won the drawing for the Chili's gift card.

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