

Washington High School Patrons of the Performing Arts Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

Heidi Becker called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm on April 12, 2016 in Room 128.

PROGRAM Performance: 9 members of WHS Orchestra volunteered and performed “Counting Stars” for the PPA. Nice job! Thank you.

Natalie Brown presented the program and told us about the upcoming activities for orchestra.

April 22: The upper orchestra is one of only 6 orchestras (throughout the state) invited to perform at UNI and then have a clinic! They are very excited about this. Congratulations!

April 23: Jefferson Invitation (their only award competition).

April 28: preview concert (new date)

May 7 is Large Group contest at WHS.

After that they have only Frankfurter and Graduation.

Next year the orchestra has a trip to the Czech Republic and Austria. Ms Brown welcomes fundraising ideas! It is an 8 day trip around spring break – and is estimated at \$2600 per student.

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

TREASURER REPORT & BUDGET: Teresa Wake presented the treasurers report. Current balance is \$38,516.81. This month’s activities include an initial payment of \$50,000 as part of the annual contribution to WHS. Neal Caraway Memorial is \$2950.00.

MEMBERSHIP: Gwen Engen said PPA membership is unchanged at 120 member families and \$19,995 in paid memberships.

Neal Caraway Memorial has had widespread donations and ‘thank you’s’ have been sent. Angie Meyer asked if we could “memorialize” this fund – perhaps a nameplate on a display case? Some ideas were discussed – but this conversation should be continued next year as well.

TCR UPDATE: Little Mermaid, May 26 at TCR - Heidi Becker said that 139 seats (out of c. 500) have been sold as of April 12. You must enter the WHS code – or WHSPPA – at time of purchase. We need to promote this and also make people aware that they MUST use the whs code for us to get credit.

FRANKFURTER: Suzanne Coleman said that they are still looking for someone to shadow them to take over next year. As for this year – it is still early to start preparations. Sign up genius will come out later asking for volunteers and donations (soda, desserts, \$\$\$...)

Becoming less and less of a fundraiser – and more of a fun year-end activity.

Open Floor:

Angie Meyer said that Fran Aldershof has donated a full brand new drum set. It was her son’s, who died two years ago. John Aldershof is current WHS parent Susie VanMeter’s brother. There is a nameplate on the drum set. Beautiful gift.

Java & Jazz: Angie Meyer would like to get mugs for this event next year. She has priced mugs around \$3.50 per mug. Vannessia Klinsky motioned to purchase the mugs and Dawn Stastny seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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

At the final PPA meeting in May, we will elect new officers. PPA is still looking for someone to shadow Mike Coleman as the web/social media coordinator.

Angie Meyer won the drawing for the BWW’s gift card.

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