

Washington HS PPA Meeting Minutes-10/6/2016

Call to order at 7:06 PM by President Mindy Martin.

Dance Team: performed 2 sideline routines for the group.

Report from Advisor: Attended camp this summer, received all Blue Ribbons, also awarded 1st place group at camp, qualified for nationals. This is the first time ever that a Wash Poms group has qualified!

They have 3 competitions this year-Nationals, State competition and one other.

They received funding from PPA for new uniforms this year, and are very grateful for PPA!

Minutes of prior meeting: There is a change to the treasurer's report: payments were made in January and May; June 30 is end of the fiscal year.

Meeting minutes approved unanimously with revision noted above.

Dr. Grant: Interim Principal Dr. Grant met with the PPA organization tonight.

Goals for 2016-2017:

- 1) maintain the traditions/values of WHS
- 2) make sure the instructional pieces are in place
- 3) make the transition to the new principal as smooth as possible

Currently is working on the budget. Is in process of review of the budget, and has noticed a trend of deficit spending. If there is a trend of deficit spending, part of the process is to getting to a point where there no longer is a deficit spend. Feels we need to be strategic to help the next principal get to that point. The group pointed out that in 2015-2016, PPA provided a 3 part payment to decrease the deficit over the year, and is difficult to do because of fund-raising activities throughout the year. Of note, PPA raises more than WAC and PTA combined. Last year's total Fine Arts budget was \$96,000. Mindy will provide Dr. Grant with the budget and expenses over the last few years. Resolve of the deficit spending was a discussion that we knew would be forthcoming, but this is not going to be something the organization can resolve in a year; will need to make a strategic plan to move to that direction. This is a district wide issue, not isolated to our building. Dr. Grant would like to have a plan in place for the new principal to resolve the issue. Will bring back budget to next meeting. Asked about a line item for Matching funds on budget; advised this is a closed account and needs to be removed from the chart of accounts. At this point, we will continue with the spending as has been done in the past, and will work on a plan for the future.

Musical: (Kyle Woollums) There will be a need for compensation for a piano player for Grease; not a recurrent expense, also funding for costumes. We also are having some discussion regarding compensation for Amy Farley and Joel Nagel-currently, they are not compensated for the time that they work on the musical. Each district handles compensation for additional school district employees differently, but working to make consistent. We are the only all-inclusive Arts program across the schools in the district when it comes to production of the musical, and want to keep it that way.

Treasurer's Report: (Teresa Wake) Changes to treasurer's report: Matching funds should be \$900 instead of \$800, \$2500 should be total for Frankfurter Festival. There is more membership to add to total.

PPA Truck: The "check engine" light went on during trip to Johnston. It was a sensor issue; repair paid by

Membership: (Marci) Current membership=\$17,810. Last year at this time=\$15,325. 80 memberships currently.

Buy it for a Song: (Nichole Mc Guire) In process of collecting items for baskets. In need of big ticket items! Football tickets, basketball tickets, etc. Next week the sign-up genius will be available. Working on sponsorships for all the groups

performing-received 3 additional sponsorships from the team at the meeting (great job everyone!!!) There will also be a wine pull. Each group will also contribute to a basket as well.

Dr. Plagman Retirement Party: There has been a request to donate 1/3 of the costs to the party. Unanimous approval. If you have memories to share, please email to plagmanopenhouse@gmail.com

Clavinova: (Kyle Woollums) The donated Clavinova has been brought back to the school, and is housed in one of the practice rooms that is considered the drama office. Making decisions re: long term where it should be housed. Need to make an acknowledgement/thank you, and a need to have it appraised. Vannessia Klinsky reached out to Carma Lou Beck to appraise.

Drama Budget: (Kyle Woollums) Currently the drama budget is in the green, mainly due to ticket sales at this point. Ticket prices have been raised; the play was \$7, Musical tickets will be \$10. Licensing of the musical cost \$4500, price determined by number of seats in house. His goal is to be able to pay for next year's musical licensing from the drama budget, and not to deficit spend.

We will have online ticketing for the musical; there will be a fee for the online ticketing. Will block off some seats for PPA passes. Ticket sales have been about 500 per night average, and good concession sales at the shows. Volunteers are needed; one aspect of the High School Musical Theatre Awards is volunteerism.

Plexiglass Displays: (Dawn Stastny) Signage was destroyed or disposed of during the recent remodel. Cost will be approximately \$600 to replace. A consideration to also reach out to alumni for donation or membership in PPA to help absorb the costs.

Java and Jazz update-mugs: (Angie Meyer) Estimate was \$500, actual cost \$576. Mugs do not have a year on them, will be generic to use year over year. Will add "Cedar Rapids Washington presents" with the logo.

Drum Set Donation: Fran Aldershof donated a drum set to the band; will need thank you from the PPA.

Marching Band Competition Needs: Volunteers are needed at Kingston Stadium for marching band competition on Saturday, October 8 from 7AM-4PM. Please contact Teresa Wake if you are able to help.