

PPA Minutes 1/10/17

Minutes of last month's meeting: approved as written (Marci/Sue Spivey)

Update on MoShow: Still needing a publicity person, someone to lead People's Choice Awards. Will ask Dr. Grant for a robocall asking for volunteers.

Discussed methods to engage students and parents joining Washington HS earlier, to continue to involve and parents for volunteers.

Treasurer's report: Have been working on tax items. Please review report for additional detail.

\$19,489 current

\$19,220 last year

\$2,500 matching funds

Cocoa and Carols: was very successful this year. We ran out of cocoa in the second show. Raised nearly \$2000 this year, raised \$1800 last year.

State Speech: This year there are 123 students participating; this represents 9% of the Wash population. District speech is on 1/21 in Monticello. We will be hosting state speech the week prior to MoShow, so 2 weeks in a row with large volunteer needs. The sign up is out for volunteering and donations. This is a really fun opportunity to volunteer.

PPA Closet: there was a mouse in the PPA closet, and got into some of the foodstuffs that are within the room. Mindy will be taking items out of the closet and securing in tubs, cleaning, pitching out of date items.

Drama update: (Kyle Woollums) the musical "Grease" was a huge success-overall, 80% of the seats were sold, one night was considered sold out. There were some concerns that numbers may be down due to a playoff game one night; however, it seemed as though people attended a night they could come, if they were going to the football game. Amy/Joel did a great job; the athletics department lent their golf cart to the production. Lisa Butler provided a lot of support. We were able to sell 2/3 of the tickets online, which was great. Kennedy tried ticketing with Elf, Jr and was not as successful as we were. The ticketing company was great; the payment was delivered the week after the show, no issues with deposit. Had adjudicators there each night from IHSSA. This year, the goal was to raise funds; raised prices.

Concessions brought in \$2600 between the play and the musical. There were 500 who attended the play "Almost Maine"-this is phenomenal, as it is hard to get people to attend plays, as TCR can attest. For the musical, reached out to 8th graders to start, so more 9th graders could be involved. Kyle was able to fix the printer to make it work, which saved expense of having to purchase a new one. Currently have enough in the budget to license shows for next year and make a fairly large tech purchase. Goal is to modernize the theater space. This takes the burden off PPA.

Spring play is Playtime Poppy-Stellaluna in April. Will need volunteers for this.

MUDACO is not dead; works well in the little theatre. Drama is on track to accomplish goals. Students have had the opportunity to meet Sutton Foster/Jason Robert Brown.

Questions came about regarding stage looking pretty bad; feel it is primarily dust and a need for cleaning. Little theatre stage may need some work. Seats are in the plan for 2018/2019. Have had some non-drama parent volunteers-this is great, because crossing groups help all programs.

Discussed involvement in International Thespian Festival in June. They have 2 shows per day, with a theatre workshop.

Paul Salomon: discussed recording of performances. Thank you for all you do for the PPA! We appreciate it so much!

Respectfully submitted,
Vannessia Klinsky, Secretary