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Westborough Fine Arts Education Association

September 10, 2024 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

WFAEA is holding its meeting virtually, but with all present, visible and with the ability to hear and participate we conclude that members joining the meeting by Zoom are present.

Present: Lisa Chace, Jessica Crandall, Laura DeCoste, Jen and Brian Niece, Laura Fairbanks, Kelly Doering, Jeannie Chong, Debbie Dasgupta, Holly Kenny, Liz Burow + Chris Martin

Executive Board Reports

President- Jessica Crandall

Vice President- Laura DeCoste

Treasurer- Carissa Heinrich

Treasurer Report:

Activity 7/1/24-8/31/24:

9/10/24 Meeting:

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Income:

\$180.50 in Interest

Expenses:

\$500 for Activity Fund - band camp

\$387.50 for Drum Major

\$127.37 for Quicken account

\$159.90 for Zoom account

\$236.00 for PO Box rental

\$18.50 for Commonwealth of MA Annual Report

Project Funds:

\$500 for Wish List items (smaller requests)

\$2,700 for larger Projects

\$2,850 for Clinicians (\$100 per ensemble + \$50/day for food & travel)

NOTES: time to get the word out to teachers about grant and project \$

Secretary- Lisa Chace -

- Approve June 11, 2024 minutes

NOTES: Jen made the motion and Lisa 2nd it, everyone approved it

Director of Fine Arts- Chris Martin

- **Staffing Updates** - 100% of staff returning, long term sub for Ms Garrett until she returns, Ms Jaz is also out for 4-6 weeks due to medical great long-term sub (Kelly McGowan), she is getting the Fall Play underway; added a gen music teacher at MPS to accommodate all new students
- **Uniform Distribution Dates** - WFAEA provides 2-3 ppl to help the students, Tues 9/24 Orch 8-10a, Wed 9/25 Band 9-11am, 9/26 chorus 8-11am. Introduced 3rd gender neutral option!.
- **WHS D-Wing Trip: April 2025** - first trip in 5 years! "Consumers of the Arts" NYC the week before April break. 3 days coming back on Saturday. April 10-12th ; will be back by sundown on

Saturday on Passover. All information will be passed out to the students then a Zoom session for families; all info will be online. Sept 19th students / Oct 1 family Zoom meeting

General Business

- **About WFAEA / Membership drive** - Laura D talked about some updates like changes to our websites (thank you to Brian Niece) and to be clear about what being a member means as well as how important it is to be a member. Push to 30 members this year - via social media, meetings. Soft deadline by end of 2024. Reminder about the senior scholarship membership requirement being back. Everyone please join!
- [Volunteer Opportunities](#)
 - **Uniform distribution** - Liz and Kelly are willing to help; Jess to send out a sign up genius or email asking for help.
 - **Audit committee** - Laura, Laura, and NEED ONE MORE
 - **Band-o-Rama Dinner Coordination** - Liz will coordinate this year but we're looking for 1-3 new volunteers to take it over starting next year, there's a dedicated Google account
 - **Webmaster (shadow and take over next year)** - Brian Niece will be shifting out; not huge amount of work, he adds the members as they join plus biz sponsors. Also the PPT of biz sponsors that we show on the TV. Jeanie would be willing to take that on!!
 - **Business Sponsors** - Laura Fairbanks, Debbie Dasgupta, Lisa Chace
- **Newsletter** - Quarterly issues plus special editions (ie.Spring Senior, Alumni Edition), Jeanie still leading, switching to Canva, first issue mid-October; Kelly will definitely help, Holly can help with Canva, Lisa to help edit
- **2024 - 2025 Meeting Dates (7:00pm)**
 - Tuesday, September 10 - Zoom
 - Tuesday, October 8 - In person, WHS Library
 - Tuesday, November 12 - Zoom
 - Tuesday, January 14 - In person, WHS Library
 - Tuesday, February 11 - Zoom
 - Tuesday, March 11 - Zoom
 - Tuesday, April 8 - Zoom
 - Tuesday, May 6 - Zoom
 - Tuesday, June 10 - In person, WHS Library

Upcoming Activities

- Open Houses
- Monday, Sept 9 Mill Pond Rental Night
- Friday, Sept 20 Home Football Game (Marching band)
- October 1 WHS NYC Trip Zoom Meeting 7pm
- Friday, Oct 5 Home Football Game (Marching band)
- Wednesday, October 16 Band Exchange Concert
- Thursday, October 17 WHS Fall Choral Concert
- October 25-27 Gibbons Fall Show - Charlotte's Web
- Friday, Nov 1 Home Football Game (Marching band)
- Nov 8-9 WHS Almost Maine
- Thursday, November 14 - Band o Rama*

Adjournment -next meeting - October 8, 2024 IN PERSON, WHS Library! Chris will invite the new Superintendent to join us!

Voting privileges- one vote per paid member; membership forms available online!