

**Westborough Fine Arts Education Association**  
Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2021 Zoom Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Beth Kinsky, Kelly White, Alyssa Dver, Chris O'Keefe, Jennifer Niece, Chris Martin, Lisa Chace, Connie Hastings, Kim Keogh

**Treasurer's Report** - Chris O'Keefe

- Expenses to date: \$6,908 with no new expenses in the last two months
- Income to date: \$9,590 with the increase since last month due to \$800 membership, \$60 interest and almost \$500 in Scrip income (but there will be a payout for Scrip in the next couple of weeks of several hundred dollars).
- We have 27 member families compared to 53 member families at the end of year last year.
- The audit was completed in November, and it went well.

**Meeting Minutes** - Katrina Banks-Binici & Jennifer Niece

Minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Director of Fine Arts Report** - Chris Martin

- 50 students auditioned for Districts, mainly instrumentalists. 32 were accepted with 17 All State recommendations. 15 of the All State selections will participate in Master classes.
- Junior District registration is due 1/18.
- Bell covers: anything Covid-related is going through the government for potential reimbursement with grant money, so Amber Bock suggested that Chris submit the bell cover expense through that route first.
- \$650,000 for remote-only program: salaries, tech, infrastructure
- New 0.2 Art teacher at Mill Pond, Amy Crossin, from Grafton who has done art integration lessons in after-school programs so very experienced with the type of work required now using carts to visit classrooms.
- Christopher Brandt will take over the Gibbons orchestra for Kristin Chartier, who will continue her leave. He played in the Taiwan symphony as a bassist. Kristin will run the Strings Ensemble two mornings a week even though she is on leave.
- Melinda Jaz will be back full-time on 1/18. A spring production is being planned that perhaps will be held outdoors.
- There will be a spring Fine Arts Showcase; also possibly to be held outdoors.
- Jazz Bands are running at Gibbons & WHS.
- All bands are playing inside.
- WHS Acapella groups are running.
- MICCA is cancelled. They will host solos and small ensemble groups – still figuring out if it will be live or virtual.
- Chris M. will talk to his staff about perhaps working with WFAEA to do Senior Spotlights.

**General Business:**

**New Year membership appeal:** Beth and Kelly emailed 2019-2021 members with a scholarship reminder included.

**Restaurant fundraiser update** by Kim Keogh: Chipotle fundraiser is scheduled for Tues. 1/26, 4-8pm. Kim will send flyer to Beth for the newsletter and Chris M. to distribute to students.

**Volunteer positions:** Newsletter contributors are always welcome.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

#### **January Newsletter:**

- Valerie Clemens' article about orchestra
- Article on Cardinal Chamber Orchestra
- Carolyn McGrath interview for Alum Spotlight
- Art therapy session at end of January or February
- Family music programs at elementary level
- List of Senior District acceptances
- Student Movie Review of The Prom, a musical available on Netflix
- Family Activity section: Museum online tours, online theater performances

**MLK Symposium**, organized by Westborough Connects: Don't Panic Acapella group will sing Imagine

<https://www.westboroughconnects.org/programs>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/301020794635415/>

**February Newsletter:** interviews with new teachers (Brandt, Crossin)

**Tri-M Induction:** Chris M. is meeting with the board on 1/6 about the ceremony.

### **New Business:**

Senior Banquet: Shona Plunkett has run it before so need to check if she still wants to do it, plan for May possibly as family picnic

**Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm, seconded and unanimously approved.**

Next meeting: February 2, 2021