

**Westborough Fine Arts Education Association**  
Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2021 Zoom Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Beth Kinsky, Kelly White, Alyssa Dver, Chris O’Keefe, Katrina Banks-Binici, Jennifer Niece, Lisa Chace, Jessica Crandall, Deb Cushman, Debbie Dasgupta, Michelle French, Connie Hastings, Evan Doyle, Emma Ballachino, Alana Conlin, Emma Corfman,

**Funding Proposals from Fine Arts Staff:**

- Evan Doyle – Band: Master Class with Vincent Herring for Jazz students at Gibbons and WHS; students can join via Zoom or participate in auditorium at school; will be able to record and use in the future; will be held on 3/22, cost = \$500; <https://www.vincentherring.com>, on faculty at William Patterson University  
Motion to approve \$500 for Mr. Doyle’s proposal to host Vincent Herring for a master class, passed 12-0
- Emma Ballachino – Visual Arts: pit/outdoor firing for spring 2021; allows students to tap into the history of ceramics by using the original form of kilns by using a metal trash can to serve as the firing pit with different natural materials collected by the students to create flashes of color; has done this before at Wachusett High School, cost = \$553.59 and most items can be used in future; will serve about 75 students in WHS classes this spring; could also be used by Gibbons  
Motion to approve up to \$600 for Ms. Ballachino’s proposal for the pit firing project, and she will submit final receipts of actual costs, passed 12-0
- Alana Conlin & student teacher Emma Corfman – Visual Arts: Visual Projection Community Art Exhibition that projects art onto building; coordinate with Evan Lukash who has been part of the social justice movement; he’ll work with students, digitize their art work, and turn it into a projection for 1 night; stipend = \$500, \$300 for poster design materials, \$1500-2500 for projector rentals (each projector is \$500); remote grades K-6 and hybrid kids at Hastings (400 students); \$7,000 to buy a projector if wanted to make it an ongoing project  
WFAEA would like to have more specifics about the execution of the project and to expand the students involved. Jessica Crandall and Deb Cushman volunteered to work with Ms. Conlin to refine the idea.
- Carolyn McGrath – Visual Arts: 2-day art therapy session for WHS remote students (about 40 total) with alum Sara Roizen for \$175  
WFAEA would like to gather more details before considering funding of the project.

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

- Expenses to date: \$7,608 includes new expense of \$179 for Spread the Love
- Income to date: \$10,387 with the increase since last month due to memberships \$280, seat of recognition \$40, and Amazon smile \$19
- Revolving account balances as of 3/1/21 are unchanged: \$8,025 in Uniform Replacement and \$335 in Activity Fund

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

Minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Director of Fine Arts Report** - Chris Martin was not able to make the meeting.

**General Business:**

**Restaurant fundraiser update:** made about \$180 through the Chipotle fundraiser

**Share the “W” Love event**

- Tri-M students helped deliver baskets of goodies from Swanski’s to Westborough TV, Arturo’s, David French Music, and Dunkin Donuts

**Fine Arts staff thank-you’s:** purchased at Sugar Shack & distributed on 2/11

**Newsletter will include:**

- WFAEA’s support of teacher requests
- WHS student article on Indian drums
- Profile on student who made Eastern’s
- Tri-M induction ceremony
- Fine arts families are encouraged to submit ideas and/or articles

**Upcoming Events:**

- Senior Banquet: waiting to hear from Shona Plunkett about whether she wants to help organize; need to talk with Chris M. about what kind of event is possible

**New Business:**

Superintendent Advisory Council update: weekly meeting of presidents of school groups with the superintendent; WFAEA didn’t get a chance to ask questions at the most recent meeting but submitted them to Ms. Bock via email and will follow up on families’ concerns

Collaborate with fine arts staff to encourage communication about courses and extracurriculars

Offer fine arts faculty assistance in researching available programs that could be funded by WFAEA

Create an information page on the different extracurricular arts programs at the high school to share with rising Gibbons students/families

**Motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm, seconded and unanimously approved.**

Next meeting: April 6, 2021