

Westborough Fine Arts Education Association (WFAEA) Monthly Meeting

Minutes - February 13, 2024, 6pm Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Lisa Chace.

Attendees: Lisa Chace, Jessica Crandall, Kathy Swanson, Jen Niece, Eric Hammond, Kim Keogh, Chris Martin, Jeannie Chong, Carissa Heirich, , Kelly Doering,

Executive Board Reports

President- Lisa Chace

Vice President- Jessica Crandall

Treasurer- Jen Niece

January Income:

\$100 in Membership (1 new member); 22 total and dues \$2,800 (budgeted amt \$3,000)

\$50 in General Donations

\$72.99 in Interest

No Business Sponsors in January – currently \$413 short of budgeted amount of \$4,000

January Expenses:

\$3.97 in PayPal fees

\$18.07 for 1 month of Lucid Press/Marq software for newsletter (Admin. Expense)

\$170 from Wish List for Eine Kleine Konsort performance of recorder musicians at the K-3 schools

\$800 for Clinicians that had been previously approved:

\$500 to Katherine Chan for WHS Choirs on 2/13 and GMS Chorus on 3/1

\$300 to Walter Pavasaris WHS Concert and Chamber Orchestras on 3/8 & 3/19

Project Funds Available:

\$330 for Wish List items

\$1,362.55 for larger Projects

\$1,850 available for Clinicians (\$100 per ensemble + \$50/day for food & travel)

Secretary- Kathy Swanson

- Approve January 9, 2024 meeting minutes Kim Keough. Proposed to approve the minutes Eric seconded it.

Director of Fine Arts Report- Chris Martin

Recap of the Wolves was successful, 41 students made Junior Districts Grades 7-8, 15 made all-states Congratulations! Senior Districts- 54 students represented 30 new members in Tri=M

- Grant requests and clinicians-Name:

Request #1

Craig Robbins & Evan Doyle School: Gibbons
Project Name: Funding for Band Festival Clinician
Brief Project Description:

We are seeking funding to welcome in a band clinician (formal individual to be named to WFAEA soon) to work with our 7th and 8th grade students on the morning of Friday, June 7th. The GMS Band Directors have put together an in-school festival experience for the curricular band ensembles where each ensemble will perform for one another and the guest clinician. The guest clinician and the ensemble director not conducting at the time (ie: Robbins while Doyle conducts 7th grade band) will serve as the adjudicators. The guest clinician will serve as the primary "adjudicator" and formally offer a clinic with each of the two bands that morning. The commitment we are asking of our guest clinician will be to adjudicate and offer a roughly 30-minute clinic for each of the curricular ensembles. Our guest would be on site from roughly 8am until 11am. Thank you for your consideration of this request. 😊

Total Projected Cost (without tax): \$250 Date Check Needed By: 6/7/2024

Request #2

Name: Kristi Chartier School: Gibbons Middle School
Project Name: Orchestra Guest Clinician - Jessica Billings-White
Brief Project Description:

On March 13, 2024 Jessica Billings-White, an orchestra director with the Lexington Public Schools, will be visiting to work with the Gibbons Orchestra. The goal is to offer students meaningful feedback and suggestions as we prepare for our upcoming String Fest and MICCA Festival performances. Total **Projected Cost (without tax): \$150**

Request #3 High School Band

Evan Doyle- Dr. Janet Kim (copy it in)

Jennifer Niece proposed it. Jess seconded it. All voted unanimously.

Special Project Proposal

Name: Melinda Jaz School: WHS

Project Name: Sound and Projection Support for WHS Musical, Mean Girls

Brief Project Description:

The musical will require a large number of professionals. While we have funds set aside for lighting, set construction and costumes, we do not yet have anything set up for Sound. As you know, sound is crucial to the success of the show and will require that students have a professional preparing, training and working with them. The \$500 requested would help pay for this. Thank you for your consideration!

There is 1700 available in the projects budget so it is within budget.

Kathy Proposed it. Kim Seconded it. Vote was unanimous.

- Uniform Sub-committee- Meeting will be students, staff and members of board. Meeting at beginning March

General Business

- March meeting - in person or Zoom-March 12th It was decided to have it in the library. It is also the town wide election day.
 - Choral Collage snacks debrief - Lisa/Jess-Debrief We did snacks. There was an abundance of snacks. We need to set up earlier and ration the snacks. It was a free for all. So lesson learned. Add volunteers to the sign up. Don't do oranges this time. Couldn't peel, etc. So ready to eat.
 - Winter newsletter - Jeannie & team finalize by 2/16- Its pretty much done. Jen Perry is helping Jeannie.
 - MICCA gear up - Kim Keogh, Eric Pre-meeting today for Kim and Eric and Chris. Schedule is worked out. Volunteers and Food will sign-up should go out end of next week. It's 3 full days this year. Lisa did a letter and updated it for this year.
 - Pops Night - 2/26 7pm Zoom kick off planning session-other big event for the year. A doodle poll for a kick off meeting went out and 2/26 was decided to meet on zoom. Please attend and help as many hands make light work.
 - Senior Banquet - helpers needed-May 21st at 6:00. Non senior parents help plan and run it. Fun night. Quick set up and clean up. Fun evening. One meeting for it will come before. Interest in it? Please keep posted for it.
- March 21st Amber Bock will receive fine Arts Administrator of the Year at the Statewide meeting.

Upcoming Activities

- GMS Musical - Fri, March 1, 7:00 pm and Sat, March 2, 12:00 pm / 5:00 pm
- MICCA Preview Band Concert - Thursday, March 21, 7:00 pm
- MMEA All-State Concert - Saturday, March 23, 8:00 am
- StringFest - Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm
- MICCA Preview Chorus Concert - Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 pm
- MICCA Festival - Friday, April 5 thru Sunday April 7
- Swing into Spring - April 11, 7:00pm
- WHS Musical - Thursday, May 2- Saturday May, 4
- Small Ensemble Concert - May 7, 7:00pm
- GMS Band Concert - May 8, 7:00pm
- GMS Orchestra/Chorus Concert - May 9, 7:00pm
- WFAEA Pops Night - May 16, 6:00pm
- WHS Senior Banquet - May 21, 6:00pm

Adjournment - Motion was made to adjourn. Kim seconded.

Next meeting March 12, 2024