

Westborough Fine Arts Education Association (WFAEA) Monthly Meeting

MINUTES

March 11, 2025, 7pm Zoom

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

Attendees by Zoom: Lisa Chace, Jess Crandall, Carissa Heinrich, Laura DeCoste, Laura Fairbanks, Jeannie Chong, Liz Burrow, Chris Martin, Brian Niece, Kim Keogh, Robin Baer, Kelly Doering.

***Note for the May meeting - calendar brainstorm for 2025-26, could we possibly move Pops Night to the Fall; do we host Jr Districts in 2027?*

Executive Board Reports

President- Jessica Crandall

Vice President- Laura DeCoste

Treasurer- Carissa Heinrich

Activity 2/1/25-2/28/25:

Income:

\$100 in Membership Dues

\$79.27 in Interest

Expenses:

\$1000 for Clinicians

\$300 Jeff Leonard (band)

\$400 Lindsay Pope (chorus)

\$300 Susan Memoli (orchestra)

Project Funds:

\$500 for Wish List items (smaller requests)

\$2051.23 for larger Projects

\$1850 for Clinicians (\$100 per ensemble + \$50/day for food; travel)

Secretary- Lisa Chace

- Approve February 11, 2025 meeting minutes - Carissa made the motion to approve and Liz 2nd it; all in favor, minutes approved

Director of Fine Arts Report- Chris Martin

- Funding Request:
 - Matt Cutter: Total Projected Cost (without tax): \$447.72 OR 895.44 (if granted-two) - K-12 to help replace an aging machine; no school budget to support; Kelly makes a motion to approve \$447.72; Lisa 2nd; all in favor; **approved**
 - Project Graduation: \$200; we've done this in the past and have it in a separate line item to support this; Lisa makes a motion to approve; **approved**
 - Funding an additional medical chaperone the our NYC Trip: \$1969; 133 students are going; 2 med prof going (dr + nurse) - After some discussion, WFAEA will support **\$1k of this amount to offset the cost of the med professional.** Laura D made a motion, Kelly 2nd; **approved**
- MICCA - North Andover is another host school, we are providing some best practices
- Chris will be going to school committee tomorrow to propose an exchange with the

- German band; 9 day trip in April 2027 (7th-10th gr)
- Jr Districts - Host school, May 2, 2026; tickets and concessions, \$4-6k potential in profit because they are there all day so they need to eat lunch. 7th, 8th and 9th graders are eligible to participate. This year we have 42 kids participating from Wboro. After much discussion, we agreed that we will pass for 2026 and look to host in 2027.

General Business

- WHS Musical Concessions - Laura F is in good shape, need more sugar candy
- Membership - still could use a few more members
- Business Sponsors - short about 1 business sponsor
- Seat of Recognition - 1 in already; big push this spring
- MICCA - Kim/Laura will send links to Chris and he will push it out next week through ParentSquare and faculty starting next week.
- Pops Night - May 15
- Scholarships - all is usual, look for emails from Tootie
- Newsletter - will work on the next one with Jeannie
- SAC Update - Town budgets at Town Meeting on 3/21; very important to go to Town Mtg and pay close attention to the School Budget

Upcoming Activities

- March 7-8 and 14-16: WHS Musical***
- Thursday, March 13: NYC Full Trip Meeting
- Thursday, March 20: Stringfest
- Tuesday, March 25: Choral MICCA Preview Concert
- Wednesday, March 26: Band MICCA Preview Concert
- Saturday, March 29: All State Concert
- April 4-5: MICCA***
- May 9-10 WHS Spring Show***
- Thursday, May 15 WHS Pops Concert***
- Tuesday, May 20 WFAEA Senior Banquet***

Adjournment - Next meeting April 8, 2025 on Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm