

## Westborough Fine Arts Education Association

Minutes - June 7, 2022

7:00 PM Zoom Meeting

Present: Lisa Chace, Deb Cushman, Elizabeth Kinsky, Chris Martin, Valerie Clemans, Jen Niece, Kim Keogh, Debbie Dasgupta, Jeannie Chong, Lisa Martin, Judy Gerratt

### Treasurer's Report:

- Pops Night \$3795
- Senior Banquet
  - Anticipate lower food counts next year.
  - Many students did not bring parents.
- Scholarships for \$4000 – 8 applicants and funded 4.
- Funding for McGrath had been approved but she didn't end up scheduling any visiting clinicians

### May minutes

- Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes from May, Beth seconded

### Director of Fine Arts – Chris Martin

- Directors Report
- Special ceremony for 2 fine arts students who had covid during graduation/awards ceremony.
- Thank you for all the support.
- Open to feedback about Pops Night – Overall positive feedback. Alumni didn't realize they had to pay. Sold triple the number of tickets for Pops Night than Gala.
- Congratulations to seniors and thank you to those who planned Senior Night.
- Thank you to Beth Kinsky, as she steps down as Co-President.

### Funding requests:

- Valerie Clemans – Elementary strings 3 week summer program \$1500 for rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the summer
  - By June 17, if enrollment is high will allocate \$750 for an additional instructor.
  - Beth made a motion to fund \$750 for Valerie Clemans and \$750 for Judy Gerratt, and will fund \$750 for Theresa Cleary if deemed needed for small group sizes. Deb Cushman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Emma Ballachino – Underglaze Replacement
  - WHS Art classes (3D Art classes are most requested electives in the district)
  - Looking for easy ways to handle heavy casters
  - \$359.88 before tax. Jeannie made a motion to fund casters, Beth 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
  - \$1752 glaze (Currently do not have a good quality underglaze.) Deb made a motion, Jeannie seconded it. Passed.
- Emma Ballachino – Chalk for mural project at WHS on last day of school \$65
- Alana Conlin – rolling carts to transport and store sculptures \$350
- Melinda Jaz – Stage Curtains \$3,880

- Karin Puffer – Indian Drums for K-3 students: \$329.83
- Lisa Chace made a motion, Lisa Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All funding motions passed.

#### Scholarships

- Recap of scholarships given
- Funding of Dunkin Donuts Scholarships not awarded

#### Newsletter

- Last / Senior issue-End of May

#### Voting to approve slate of officers:

Co-Presidents: Lisa Chace and Jessica Crandall

Vice President: Debra Cushman

Treasurer: Jen Niece

Secretary: Kathy Swanson

- Kim Keogh made the motion, Jeannie 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Approved

#### Budget FY 2023

- Discussion: Silent auction at Pops Night next year? Jen did not forecast auction income for next year.
- General Donations: Did not budget for this.
- Membership increased in line with this year.
- Proposal to get rid of the Scrip. Not much income
- Seat of recognition – consider for next year.
- MICCA – concessions much lower than in the past. Kept in line with past historic budget
- Senior Banquet – Can better estimate food and adjust ticket prices.
- Wish list – smaller projects
- Senior scholarships – parent membership scholarship is eliminated next year.
- Lisa made a motion to approve the budget as presented for FY23, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Budget passed.

#### Other business:

- Unsung heroes usually funded by Dunkin Donuts – no one received scholarships because they weren't funded this year. Jen Niece made a motion to have WFAEA fund the scholarships.
- Newsletter being sent tomorrow. Thank you to Jeannie for working on it this year.
- Any notes, please email to document ideas.
- Lisa Chace / Jess Crandall will be in touch this summer to plan meetings.
- Thank you to Chris.

Lisa Chace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11PM over Zoom.