

Westborough Fine Arts Education Association
Minutes February 14, 2023 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

WFAEA is holding its meeting virtually, but with all present, visible and with the ability to hear and participate we conclude that members joining the meeting by Zoom are present.

Present: Jessica Crandall, Lisa Chace, Deb Cushman, Jen Niece, Kathy Swanson, Elisabeth Kinsky, Kim Keogh, Karen Forest, Jeannie Chong, Debra Cushman, Kim Keogh,

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Jessica Crandall.

Grant proposals were put first to accommodate Karen F who attended the meeting.

Karen Forrest was welcomed to the meeting. She presented her grant proposal for a summer band camp program for 35-40 Grades 5 and 6 at Mill Pond School for students to begin band instruction just prior to the start of the school year. The estimated cost of the camp (excluding instrument rental) is \$17,500. She is looking for funds from other sources as well. She is requesting funds from WFAEA to help subsidize the camp. Discussion happened to discuss how to best help and how much. Scholarships and t-shirts were suggested as possible ways to help with the program. After much discussion, the membership agreed to \$3000.

Jessica Crandall proposed and Kathy Swanson seconded. The vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Amy Crossin requested funding for New Gellin Gelli Printing Plates. The plates will be used to introduce students to the process of mono-printmaking. Gelli plates are versatile, easy to use and last for many years. \$306 was requested to buy 18 plates to have whole class participation. Needed by 3/15 Money can come out of the Wish List funds. Motion was made and it was seconded. It was passed unanimously. Beth suggested making a video/slideshow to share once they used the plates.

Alyson Greer Espinosa requested funds for a Clinician in the total of \$400. The clinician, Michele Adams, will work with the 3 academic choir ensembles at WHS for 2 days- February 16th and March 16th. Motion made and seconded. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kim Keogh to approve the January 2022 minutes and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Executive Board

Co-Presidents- Lisa Chace and Jess Crandall

Vice President- Deb Cushman

Treasurer- Jennifer Niece

Report:

January Income:

\$30 in Membership from 1 new member, bringing total members to 26 and dues to \$3,115

\$400 in Business Sponsors (Ad Book) from 1 Orchestra package (Andrew Abu Realtors)

\$279 from Center Stage concessions

\$8.70 in Interest

January Expenses:

\$1.09 in PayPal fees

Project Funds Available:

\$1,500 for Wish List items

\$8,005.17 for larger Projects

\$2,450 available for Clinicians (\$100 per ensemble + \$50/day for food & travel) - \$750 already reserved for approved requests in January but checks not yet written

Director of Fine Arts- Chris Martin

- Scholarship Update: There will be an Annual \$1000 scholarship instituted. There is a Corinne Sciarappa Memorial Scholarship fund that will be instituted this year. Requirements will be TBD with Sciarappa family
- MICCA update 3 days, Kim Kathy and Chris will meet in February.
- Acapalooza Date 5/26 6:00

General Business

- Debrief on Choral Collage (January 26) - Lisa Martin / Michelle French / Liz Burow ● Newsletter - Beth/Jeanie; issue expected this Fri 2/17, next issues: 4/14, 5/19 ● Business Ads - Deb/Jess/Anna/Kathy/Lisa; quick update
- TV/Stand Set Up at Events - Jess; [sign up sheet](#) Additional content for slideshow can be suggested and be brought up at the next meeting.
- MICCA - Kim/Kathy; volunteers March 31st, April 1, April 2
- Pops Night - discussion; Kim/ Lisa/Kathy offered to help; Brian/Jen to do tickets ● Senior Banquet - Jeannie Chong, Jen Niece and Kathy Swanson May 23rd. Revisit in March. 6-8
- Uniform Committee - Lisa/Jess; need additional volunteers Looking for a third gender neutral option for uniforms. It is in the next newsletter.
 - WHS Spring Musical *Guys & Dolls* *Friday Saturday, Saturday April 27 Open Dress Rehearsal Time TBD*

Upcoming Fine Arts Events

- March 21: StringFest: 7 pm
- March 24/25: GMS Musical: 6 pm and 2pm
- March 31 - April 2 - MICCA Festival
- April 28-30 - WHS Spring Musical *Guys & Dolls* *Friday Saturday, Saturday April 27 Open Dress Rehearsal Time TBD*
- May 17 - Pops Night
- May 23 - Senior Banquet

Reminder - Town Meeting - March 25 (local elections Mar 7) School Budget is voted on on this day.

Adjournment Adjournment Proposal to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded.at approximately 8:26 pm. Next meeting - March 14, 2023