

## **Westborough Fine Arts Education Association (WFAEA) Monthly Meeting**

February 11, 2025, 7pm Zoom

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

**Attendees:** Lisa Chace, Jess Crandall, Jen Niece, Brian Niece, Carissa Heinrich, Laura Fairbanks, Laura DeCoste, Kelly Doering, Jeannie Chong, Liz Burow, Kim Keogh

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

### **Executive Board Reports**

**President-** Jessica Crandall

**Vice President-** Laura DeCoste

**Treasurer-** Carissa Heinrich

Activity 1/1/25-1/31/25:

#### Income:

\$500 in Business Sponsors - \$450

\$200 in General Donations - we're better off than budget \$110

\$80 in Membership Dues - \$583

\$91.83 in Interest

#### Expenses:

\$16.00 for PayPal Fees

#### Project Funds:

\$500 for Wish List items (smaller requests)

\$2051.23 for larger Projects

\$2850 for Clinicians (\$100 per ensemble + \$50/day for food & travel)

We will have 5 musical shows this year and hope concessions will be more than budgeted; MICAA is one shorter day but the groups have to stay longer.

Seats of Recognition - plaques are about \$15; we raised the price to \$50; so we net \$35, per seat

Idea from Laura D - promote winding down our \$1k deficit by offering a seat / drawing via social and newsletter; any business sponsor or member already AND any new ones will be added to the drawing; announce the winner at the last show of Little Mermaid.

**Secretary-** Lisa Chace

- Approve January 14, 2025 meeting minutes - motion to approve Jess, 2nd Laura, all in favor, minutes are approved

**Director of Fine Arts Report- Chris Martin**

- Clinician Requests
  - Doyle/Band Clinician for MICCA; \$300, coming for 2 days
  - Greer/Choral Clinician for MICCA; \$400; also coming for 2 days
  - Jen made the motion to approve; Liz 2nd it; all in favor; requests are approved
  - Carissa will write all 3 checks after Feb break and send to school with Loralai

### **General Business**

- Business Sponsors - move forward with Laura D's idea
- Winter newsletter - Jeannie & team, looking good to be finished by week's end, Kim to send Jeannie a couple lines about MICCA by Thursday pm.

- WHS Musical Concessions - Kathy shared the info with Laura F; will send it after break; let's add the Stage Notes; Jen let Carissa know about the \$300 cash box info; everything is \$2 except Stage Notes for \$1. There's an Index Card in the cash box for bill suggestions.
- MICCA - Kim is a lifesaver, she will pinch hit as the MICCA coordinator; same time schedule as last year; connect offline, Kim to get blurb to Jeannie, send out after Feb vacation for volunteers; follow up with concessions sign up after musical; teachers can also send around
- Pops Night - May 15,
  - start planning soon; same format as last year; a couple of small ensembles in lobby;
  - seniors get roses;
  - could offer Gibbons families a reduced ticket price;
  - Walmart application opens in March - Jess will submit also for Roche Bros.
  - TBD whether we should do pizza from Wegmans or Monti's; last couple years Wegmans has given us a donation which we used for pizza.
  - Chris will pick the theme "New York, New York"; Jeannie to update
  - Last year we did some catering; was good and low maintenance
  - Laura D will help Laura F
  - More social media posts to promote and remind it's a paid concert
  - Will plan a Pops Night Committee meeting in early March
- SAC Update - Town budgets; Town Meeting on 3/22; everyone being asked to tighten budgets

#### **Upcoming Activities**

- February 28- March 1: Gibbons Musical
- **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** - Motion to adjourn made at 7:51; all in favor, meeting adjourned

Next meeting March 11, 2025 on Zoom