

Westborough Fine Arts Education Association

Minutes - March 1, 2022

7:00 PM Zoom Meeting

Present: Beth Kinsky, Lisa Chace, Deb Cushman, Jennifer Niece, Jessica Crandall, Kathy Swanson, Jeannie Chong, Kim Keogh, Michelle French, Chris Martin, Trivedi,

This meeting was called to order at 7:09pm

Treasurer Report - Jennifer Niece

- Membership update - 1 new member joined- \$50,
- Treasurer's Report - 1 new donation from Karen Amlaw \$100
 - Beth sent out sponsorship letters to businesses and received one donation from Karen Amlaw. Beth will send another reminder to other businesses (Kathy Swanson volunteered to help.)

Secretary

- Approval of February 1, 2022 minutes - Kim Keogh made the motion to approve the minutes and Jen Niece seconded it. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Director of Fine Arts- Chris Martin

- A Center Stage overnight or day trip to NYC is a strong possibility and is being explored
- Congratulations to the cast of Euridyce. They will reuse the set as the barricade in Le Miserables.
- All State Festival will have 10 WHS Participants (Tomorrow - Marlborough rehearsals, Saturday performances at Symphony Hall.)
- Art Honor Society - The Connections Art Exhibit at the Library will open next Wednesday at the Westborough Public Library (will be up through the month of March).
<https://www.westboroughlibrary.org/events/>
- March is Youth Art Month - March 14th - K-12 students will have artwork on the statewide virtual exhibit.
- March is also music in our Schools month
- Clinician request Approved: GMS Bands / Doug Dufresne - would like to bring in a Clinician, Jared Cassidy, for \$250 to prepare for MICCA. (Beth Kinsky made a motion to approve this request. Deb Cushman seconded it. The request was unanimously approved)
A request to have guest speakers re: Careers in the Arts in April (\$250) is being discussed by Carolyn McGrath and may be presented next month.

General Business

- Feedback for Superintendent's Advisory Committee
 - Town Meeting and the school budget were big topics. Other school related articles at Town Meeting include air conditioning in the high school gym, budget and playground renovation.
 - Reminder - March 19th Town Meeting
- Discussed remote vs. in-person meetings going forward
 - It was decided to continue with Zoom meetings for now.
- Pops Night (May 17, 2022)
 - A committee was formed to meet mid-month to start planning. Members who volunteered are Jeannie Chong, Deb Cushman, Jess Crandall and Lisa Chase. Chris Martin will join the planned meetings.

- WFAEA will select decorations/logistics, teachers will handle the entertainment.
- Chris Martin believes we may be able to serve food/drinks by then.
- A scholarship committee was formed to review the current policy and discuss adding a memorial scholarship and a needs-based scholarship. Per Chris M. the committee needs to include: a former parent, a current, non-senior parent, 2 Board members and the Fine Arts Director. The committee formed consists of Chris Martin, Beth Kinsky, Jen Niece, Kathy Swanson and Michelle French will ask Chris O'Keefe. The committee will meet after MICCA has concluded.

Upcoming Activities

- Newsletter -
 - The Visual arts issue (deadline 3/15/22), will come out at the end of March.
 - Correlates with Youth Art Month
 - The Senior issue will come out in May
- Reminder - Town Meeting - March 19, 2022
- MICCA Festival 4/1/22-4/2/22 - Kim Keough, Kathy Swanson
 - Kim will have Chris Martin approve the volunteer sign up genius before it is sent out (It will include concessions.) The email will be sent from the WFAEA President email. Chris will send it to Mill Pond/Gibbons parents too.
 - Kim & Chris will meet separately to review logistics and do a walk-through..
 - Kim noted that she may assign WFAEA members/board certain jobs like recording and tabulation. Lisa noted that Bill Chace would be happy to help with recording (was trained 2 years ago).
 - There are 34 ensembles from 23 schools signed up to perform at the Choral MICCA Festival.
 - \$10 gets you into all locations for the weekend. Chris will provide a money box for tickets.
 - Kim & Kathy will set concessions prices.
 - Kathy is planning to order pizza from Monti's ahead of time.
 - Volunteers will need to keep receipts for any amounts spent on judges meal, buying pizza and any other expenses. Concession related expenses will be reimbursed by WFAEA and general MICCA expenses / judge expenses will be reimbursed by Chris Martin.
 - Kim and Kathy found that there is a mouse issue in the WFAEA storage closet and we lost some concession inventory in storage.
 - There are preview concerts the week before the Festival - 3/23 Choir preview, 3/22 Stringfest. 3/24 band preview
 - Tri-M will help with volunteer positions and will receive volunteer hours..
 - It was decided to give the Tri-M kids a ticket for an order of pizza the day they are volunteering.
- WHS Spring Musical - *Les Miserables* 4/28,29,30,5/1. Kathy Swanson is in charge of concessions.
 - Discounted tickets for senior citizens will be available. Beth will coordinate with the Senior Center
- Senior Banquet - end of May - we will begin planning process in April

Adjournment - Beth made a motion to adjourn at 8:12pm. It was seconded by Kim and unanimously passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2022 at 7:00pm

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

