

William Aberhart Music Parents' Association (WAMPA)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3rd, 2014

William Aberhart High School Band Room

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Stephenson at 7:04pm, Monday February 3rd, 2014.

b. Approval of Agenda

Leanne Cherry moved to approve the agenda (as amended with a date correction) , seconded by Owen Stephenson. Carried .

c. Approval of January 13th , 2014 Minutes

Jenny Kwan moved to approve the minutes of January 13th, 2014 , seconded by Owen Stephenson. Carried.

2. Dessert Night

The date for Dessert Night has been changed from January 31st , 2014 to March 8th ,2014.

We still need to find a coordinator for the silent auction part of Dessert Night.

Brenda Backus was on hand to answer questions about the previous silent auction and offered many good suggestions for auction items (ie. haircuts, gift cards, skiing packages, weekend retreats, etc.).

The following business areas will be canvassed/letter drop by WAMPA:

Beddington/Harvest Hills- Tricia

Brentwood-Sandy

Country Hills-Jenny/Bonnie

Kensington-Fran

Edelweiss/Paramount Limousine-Brenda

ATB @ Brentwood/WestJet –Debbie

Crowfoot-Leanne

Morpheus Theatre-Tricia

Chef's Table-Debbie

Wine Raffle-Brenda

In addition, Tricia will send out emails asking for parents to donate or seek donations for silent auction items as well as food items for the event. Tricia will communicate with Jackie to find out what business/donations etc. have been contacted /received.

3. Casino

In Jennifer's absence Tricia reported that most casino positions have been filled.

4. Other Business from December's Minutes

a. Cathy Dempster(Secretary)as Signing Authority

The necessary paperwork has been done and Cathy now has signing authority.

b. Liability Insurance

Mr. Willms reported that Aon Insurance is working on a package for us that will hopefully result in WAMPA having to pay close to our present insurance premiums ,while covering clinicians who participate in the music program...details to follow at a later date.

C .Pool Tickets application to AGLC

Jackie will look into what is required.

d. WAMPA Website

The present link to the Aberhart website is working well for now. The possibility of WAMPA having its own independent website will be reviewed at a later date.

5. New Business

a. Music Event Costs

WAMPA will most likely have to increase fees for music camps to an amount closer or equal to the "hard cost" of these events. We are presently heavily subsidizing the student costs of these camps.

It was agreed to table this item until we can further study the actual costs.

b. Raffle License Cancellation

We did not have this event and the license was cancelled.

c. High School Chairpersons Collaboration Meeting

Susan Tomecek may have some information about this meeting at a later date.

6. Other Reports

a. Treasurer

Fran reported that our finances are on track and there are no concerns at this time.

b. Jazz Night

No report

c. Flames Fundraising

Jennie reported that there are still lots of upcoming opportunities to man the concession.

d. General Fundraising

Jackie reported that we are currently selling pizza and spring plants.

e. VPACS

This item was deferred.

f. Parent Council

Owen reported that there had been a successful presentation by the school constable about behavioral concerns at school. His focus is on finding the root causes of any concerns.

“Eco-Warriors” are presently raising money to purchase solar panels for the roof.

g. Student Music Council

No report.

h. Music Directors

Mr. Willms reported that students are presently preparing for the Alberta International Band Festival.

Details about times/transportation will be distributed soon. There will be good representation from Aberhart in the Honour Bands with the Festival Showcase Concert taking place on Tuesday February the 25th, 2014.

The new principal (Tammy Annis-Johnson) will start on February 10th, 2014. An invitation to attend a WAMPA meeting will be extended to her.

Mr. Gingrich reminded members that the AIBF is open to the public and that the Festival organizers are in need of adult volunteers to assist in its operation.

There will be an “All Ages Jazz Jam” coming up on March 7th, 2014 to take place at the National Music Centre.

Ms. Phare-Bergh reported that forty of the choir students had recently participated in a successful workshop (Luminous Voices).

Trip details for the upcoming choir tour to Europe are almost all confirmed.

Dates for the Kiwanis Festival will be added to the choirs schedule as they become known. ChoralFest is also coming up on March 19th,2014. Students are required to learn a lot of repertoire for these events.

7. Administrative Assistant's Contract

The paperwork has been done and the contract is renewed .

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Next Meeting

Monday March 3rd,2014 @7pm,Abe Music Room

In Attendance:

Owen Stephenson	Debbie Kunert	Larry Haynes	Sandy Cooper
Erica Phare-Bergh	Nathan Gingrich	Cathy Dempster	Bonnie Sanche
Kevin Willms	Jackie Trowbridge	Leanne Cherry	Cathy MacKinnon
Patricia Stephenson	Jennie Kwan	Brenda Backus	Fran Reid

Submitted by

Cathy Dempster(secretary)