

William Aberhart Music Parents' Association (WAMPA)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4th, 2013

William Aberhart High School Band Room

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Stephenson at 7:00pm, Monday Nov4., 2013.

b. Appointment of Secretary

Patricia Stephenson moved to appoint Cathy Dempster as Secretary for the meeting, seconded by Owen Stephenson. Carried .

c. Approval of Agenda

Jennie Kwan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bonnie Sanche. Carried .

d. Approval of October 7th, 2013 Minutes

Patricia Stephenson moved to approve the minutes of October 7th, 2013 , seconded by Larry Haynes. Carried .

e .Approval of WAMPA member requests

Requests were received from Cathy Mackinnon (past president) and Susan Tomecek (V-PACS rep) to continue to participate as active members in WAMPA. These ladies do not presently have students enrolled in the band program, but have invaluable experience to share with our association.

It was moved by Fran Reid, seconded by Owen Stephenson to approve these two requests .Carried.

2. Election of Secretary

Fran Reid moved to elect Cathy Dempster as secretary, seconded by Lorraine Pittman. Carried.

3. Business Arising from Last Minutes

a .Bank Signing Authority

Patricia Stephenson (President),Leanne Cherry(Vice President),Fran Reid(Treasurer) and Jackie Trowbridge (Administrative Assistant) now have up to date signing authority with the bank.

b. Co-Director for Dessert Night

Jodi Dixon has agreed to look after the kitchen duties for Dessert Night. We are still presently looking for someone to head up the Silent Auction. Jackie will ask Brenda Backus. We are also in need of someone to organize the decorating for that evening event. It was suggested that an explanation of needed volunteers and

their duties be made accessible to all WAMPA members. Patricia Stephenson will work with the executive to produce a clear explanation of all of our volunteer positions/duties.

c. Liability Insurance

The cost/conditions of liability insurance for clinicians working with our students is still be explored by Mr. Willms and Jackie Trowbridge.

4. Other Business

a. TELUS Auto Withdrawal

Jackie has suggested setting up an automatic withdrawal for all our TELUS invoices. Owen Stephenson moved to approve that this be done , seconded by Leanne Cherry. Carried.

b. Flames Contract through Calgary Wrestling Club

Jenny Kwan reported that Jane asked for smaller concession booths for her organization. There are three more upcoming training sessions available. More people are needed during the weekday events.

There was some discussion about WAMPA setting up its own agreement with the Flames, however this would require that we provide several” Leads”, which is a big commitment. It was decided to maintain our relationship with the Calgary Wrestling Club as is, to avoid complications.

c. Courtyard Upgrade Project

The Parent School Council has voted to use \$2,000.00 to upgrade the courtyard. They have consulted with an architect and could use some additional help/funding to achieve a usable space that may include performing. It was decided that WAMPA would express its desire to support such an initiative and should wait to see what the formal plan might include. It was suggested that there may be some additional help from Home Depot as they have been known to get behind some similar projects.

d. E-mailing agenda

It was decided that the agenda/previous month’s minutes will be e-mailed to members the Wednesday before any scheduled meeting of WAMPA.

e. Presence on Abe Website

Patricia will contact the webmaster to find out what would be involved in having some WAMPA information connected to the school website.

f. WAMPA website

A subcommittee (Tricia,Rob,Jodi) will look into what options we would have in making our own website.

5.Reports

a. Treasurer-Fran : Due to changes in the credit posting method, the financial report was deferred to the next meeting.

b. Casino-Jackie reported that we do not have our next date but it should be known shortly .We will need to update our names of executive and directors at large for casino documentation.

c. Flames Fundraising

Jenny is compiling our own list of people who want/need training for working at the Flames Games concessions. Patricia and Jennie will see that all WAMPA families are informed about the fundraising/training opportunities.

d. General Fundraising

Jackie reported that fundraising opportunities are not being as well utilized as they have been in previous years. SPC cards will be on sale at the Jazz Night as well as tickets for the December concert.

Ms. Phare-Bergh mentioned that the Alberta Choral Society will be holding a “run” sometime in the future and we will be receiving more information.

It was suggested that another way of raising general funds would be in selling Grey Cup Pool Tickets. Application to the ALGC would have to be made.

e . Jazz Night(Nov30)

Lorraine reported that tickets are now on sale .She has lots of volunteers signed up. Students will also be encouraged to sign up to help Lorraine is looking into having 2 baskets put together for raffling. Music Council will get the proceeds. Leanne volunteered to coordinate the raffling.

f. Dessert Night (January 31st,2014)

Jodi asked for ideas for raffle items.Suggestions were ski packages and Flames tickets.

g. V-PACS

Susan Tomecek has talked about V-PACS at Parent Council and has encouraged them to participate .

Bonnie Sanche has expressed interest in helping to keep this organization alive.

h. School Parent Council

The last meeting was on Oct 28th/2013. Mr. Willms informed the council about how WAMPA’s fundraising worked especially the casino. Most parents understood the level of organization involved as well as the time commitment.

Mr.Ferguson will return as principal in the New Year.

i.Student Music Council

Catherine Fong(president of Music Council) reported that students will be helping with the Jazz Night and that funds raised from raffles could support the Legacy Charity .Students will also be thinking of ways to fundraise at the Dessert Night (ie. jelly bean count, items for the silent auction)

Catherine also reported that the last election of School Music Council was not taken as seriously as it could have been by the music students. It was suggested that they move to a printed ballot for nominations and voting.

j. Music Directors

Mr. Willms reported that students had a fantastic weekend at the Vic Lewis Band Festival. Adjudicators were tough on them but recognized that they performed at a very high level.

Upcoming events include: Nov 15th-All Ages Jam(all jazz students involved)

Nov 29th-Abe 1 performing at the National Music Centre

Mr. Gingrich reported that the Feeder School Night was very successful. Students from Branton, Georges P. Vanier Jr. High Schools and the director from Senator Patrick Burns participated.

Many new students have recently joined the concert band.

Ms. Phare-Bergh reported that the choir students had a very successful choir camp. Special guest Richard Nace coached the group and did a wonderful job.

Plans are still evolving for the upcoming Choir Trip to Germany etc.

Assemblies for Remembrance Day will be on Thursday Nov 7th at 10:00 am and at 11:00 am. The symphonic band, concert choir and women's choir will be participating.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Attendance:

Lorraine Pittman	Luanne Duffy	Mark Born	Leanne Cherry
Owen Stephenson	Larry Haynes	Bonnie Sanche	David Fong
Debbie Kunert	Catherine Gillis	Fran Reid	Cathy Dempster
Erica Phare-Bergh	Nathan Gingrich	Cathy Mackinnon	Catherine Fong
Kevin Willms	Jackie Trowbridge	Jodi Dixon	
Patricia Stephenson	Jennie Kwan	Robert Kemp	

Submitted by

Cathy Dempster(secretary)