

William Aberhart Music Parents' Association (WAMPA)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2nd, 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 Dec2nd, 2013.

b. Approval of Agenda

Owen Stephenson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lorraine Pittman. Carried .

d. Approval of November 4th, 2013 Minutes

Owen Stephenson moved to approve the minutes of November 4th, 2013, seconded by Leanne Cherry. Carried .

2. Vote on Revised 2012-13 Year-end Financial Statement...see attached

Fran Reid reported that student credits are now separated and that there is more itemization of student fees, assistance for band/choir trips, credits not used, etc. Larry Haynes moved to accept the revised 2012-2013 year-end Financial Statement, seconded by Jennifer Sick. Carried.

3. Business Arising from Last Minutes

a .Request for information from former member

Charlene Lazaruk (former WAMPA secretary) as a U.S. citizen has been asked to declare any bank account for which she had signing authority for tax purposes. WAMPA executive members agreed to provide the required information to her and Charlene has sent her thanks.

b. Cathy Dempster(Secretary)as signing Authority

WAMPA's current secretary is required by the bank to have signing authority. Cathy will contact First Calgary(Brentwood) to confirm the procedure for having signing authority.

c. Table at Open House

WAMPA will have a table at the upcoming school Open House Dec5th, 2013. Patricia Stephenson, Jenny Kwan and Leanne Cherry will be available to provide parents with information regarding WAMPA. Brochures will be made available. Music Council representatives will be asked to participate.

d. Community Spirit Program

Fran reported that this grant program has been discontinued.

E .Jazz Night

The November 30th Jazz Night had to be cancelled due to a water main break on Exshaw Drive. Some of the food that had been purchased was taken to The Mustard Seed and some food was returned to Costco. Mr. Willms proposed that the Jazz Night be rescheduled for December 14th; 2013. It was moved by Owen Stephenson to hold the Jazz Night on December 14th, 2013, seconded by Leanne Cherry .Carried. It was agreed that expenses be somewhat scaled down and that more food donations would help to achieve this. It was moved by Jodi Dixon to allow an additional \$300.00 be spent on food for this event, seconded by Jennifer Sick. Carried.

4. Winter Concert

The organization for this event is in place .Tickets will be available for sale at the door.

5. Dessert Night

a. Silent Auction Directors

Jodi reported that Vivienne Stieda would be willing to organize the silent auction portion if there were four other parents willing to help her. WAMPA will try and find the required help.

b. Sending Breakdown of WAMPA Duties to Members

Patricia will have information for members available at the upcoming Jazz Night (Dec14th/2013).

c. Raffle Items

This item was deferred.

d. Music Council Fundraising

This item was deferred.

6. Other Business from November's Minutes

a. Liability Insurance

This item was deferred.

b. TELUS Auto Withdrawal

Jackie has set this up with TELUS for our convenience.

c. Updated Casino Paperwork

Our next casino date is April 11/12th, 2014. Jackie will update and send in the required paperwork.

d. Pool Tickets Application to AGLC

This item was deferred.

e. Presence on ABE Website

Patricia reported that we now have a link under Fine Arts on the ABE website.

f. WAMPA Website

Patricia reported that Rob Kemp and Jodi Dixon are researching what options there may be for having our own website.

Reports

a. Treasurer

Fran reported the profit/loss statement and explained that our statements would be more itemized so that we'll know what events like the Vic Lewis Festival really cost. Fran will let us know exactly what items cost as the information becomes available.

b. Casino

Jennifer Sick reported that our upcoming casino will be Friday April 11th, and Saturday April 12th, 2014. If we do not get enough volunteers it is possible to hire a university student at \$100/shift. We do not think that we will have to do this.

c. Jazz Night

Lorraine Pittman will be regrouping her volunteers to provide kitchen/decorating help. Please contact Lorraine with any donations, etc. for Dec. 14th.

d. Flames Fundraising

This item was deferred.

e. General Fundraising

Jackie reported that general fundraising is down significantly and that WAMPA needs to make parents /students more aware of the benefits to the individual student and overall music program.

WAMPA is currently reviewing the salary for our administrative assistant. Fran and Patricia will research what may be acceptable and will advise us at the next meeting.

f. VPACS

Susan Tomecek reported that work continues and that a "Best Practices" document is being prepared for January, 2014.

g. School Parent Council

Owen Stephenson attended the last Parent Council meeting and reported that he had offered WAMPA's support with the possible courtyard improvements. Jacques Ferguson has recently retired as principal and there will be a process for finding his replacement.

i. Music Directors

MR. Willms reported that plans for the next Symphonic Band Tour will be made known soon. There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of students travelling to Europe in 2014 on Monday January 13th from 6pm to 7pm in the cafeteria.

Mr. Gingrich reported that Tuba Fest would take place on Dec14th, 2013 at Hope Lutheran Church .There will be a rehearsal schedule for concert/symphonic bands during the upcoming exam schedule. There will be upcoming preparations for the Alberta International Band Festival and Kiwanis Music Festival.

Ms. Phare-Bergh reported that the Choirs are registered for the Kiwanis Festival. A master class will take place on March 15th, 2014 and there is a possibility of raising \$1,000 at an upcoming workshop. Conditional approval has been granted by the CBE for the upcoming choir tour.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting

Monday Jan13th,2014 @7pm,Abe Music Room

Attendance:

Lorraine Pittman	Leanne Cherry	Susan Tomecek	Jennifer Sick
Owen Stephenson	Larry Haynes	Fran Reid	
Erica Phare-Bergh	Nathan Gingrich	Cathy Dempster	
Kevin Willms	Jackie Trowbridge	Jodi Dixon	
Patricia Stephenson	Robert Kemp		

Submitted by

Cathy Dempster(secretary)