October 9, 2014 Williamsburg Music Association Minutes

Directors Present for at least a portion of the time: Tyler Kalina, Katie Berte, Steve Manning

4 Officers: Erin Eichhorn, Stacia Koppenhafer, Sharon Helt, Mary Greiner

9 Parents Present: Bill Elrod, Lori Wells-Adamson, Ann Cromwell, Will Stoltenberg, Anastasia Lemanski, Michelle Jennings, Tina Choate, Dee Culp, Cali Steckly.

Stacia reviewed minutes from August 14, 2014, September 2, 2014, and September 9, 2014. One change with 9/9/14 minutes $4000 was provided for 2014-15 custom show instead of $4500.

**Treasurer’s Report from time period since September 2, 2014 was shared by Mary Greiner**

**Balances: Savings 1,199.05 and Checking 8,511.84. Income is needed.**

Color Guard expense was more than anticipated, although as least expensive as possible. Altering was free. $1500 prop money was not used for the marching band show so was offered to color guard. There is supposed to be narration to show. Judges commented on this, as well. Mary will talk to Mr. Kalina about adding in the narration.

Approved expense:$110 to Mikana for Yearbook Ad. Erin Eichhorn motioned, Lori Wells-Adamson seconded motion. Motion carried.

**Fundraising:**

WMA Sales-tshirt and sign sales will still be available

Photo Buttons $505 in so far. Thanks to Bobbi Jo and Robert. Interest in photo buttons for Show Choir. Good money maker, as LIS donated the button machine and supplies. Sharon Helt will write them a thank you on behalf of WMA.

Online Orders through Elite Sports-37 items ordered. Low end for fundraiser, but will bring in $3-5 per item. Elite getting amount to Dee. Will try it again next year and do it earlier. Could consider adding band, show choir, jazz band, JrHIgh choir, etc.

Upcoming Scheduled Fundraisers:

Musical November 6,8,9-single stem flowers, cake pops, and cookies at intermission. DeeCulp and Mary Greiner will pursue. Small bottled water.(Anastasia may be able to get them donated). Auditorium holds 415. Order 250 total (b/w 3 shows).

Community Christmas Choir and Orchestra-starting to plan. December 7

Talent Show-January 17 (would like to include directors, alumnae, community members, etc to participate). Planning to begin in November

Ford Test Drive-Dee has been in contact with Ron Capper. Dates get released from Ford early in January. We will request April 11 to have the drive in conjunction with the Rummage Sale. Volunteers will be needed to set up and be present through the day to check Driver’s License, etc. Up to $6000 can be made if 300 people participate in test drive. Can only have one member per family. Need to be 18 or older.

Dinner and Dessert Matinee show-April

Other possibilities:

Hosting Contests-Could host 1A, 2A show choir or JHigh events. Directors will check into this possibility for 2015-16 year.

**Website:** Domain obtained $1.95/mo . Will Stoltenberg willing to donate the fee. Raider Music site will have a link to sign up genius. Group decided to have a facebook page, yet just for reminders, not photo sharing. Pictures will be shared through a Picasa Photo sharing site. Lori can check on any students who do not have a photo release. Video from kickoff will be uploaded. Will requested photos for the Raider Music site. These can be emailed to him at [stolwi@gmail.com](mailto:stowi@gmail.com) or shared with him through DropBox. Agendas and minutes will be posted on this site, as well. They also will be sent to our WMA member email list. There is a link to Raider Music on the school site, but it’s hard to find. Can sidebar be placed? Erin will talk to Jennifer Miller about this possibility.

Directors will relay information related to classroom news, music trip, and disseminate info or requests from WMA (Sign Up genius or need for pictures).

**Marching Band:**

Competitions 10/4/14 -6th  of 6th place at Prairie in Cedar Rapids, 3rd of 5th place in Davis County, 1-5 points between 1st and 3rd place. For first outing, Mr.Kalina said they did very well. Drum Majors were also recognized as Best Drum Majors in competition at Prairie/Cedar Rapids.

2015 Budget-Mr. Kalina introduced the topic tonight so WMA can discuss options. Need commitment by March, but would prefer December tonight. Sharon Helt asked for a description of show options. Three options were described.

Option 1-Custom: Drill written by a drill writer. Twice as much as stock shows. Mr. Kalina indicated most schools who perform well at competitions have custom drills. Sharon Helt inquired what type of shows the schools had that we competed against on Saturday. Mr. Kalina will find out.

Option 2-Director writes it: Mr. Kalina said we don’t want him to do this.

Option 3-Stock show- half price, compared to custom shows. Get package of music and drill and director finds the one that is closest to size of band and makes adjustments.

Parent Comments and Questions:

Sharon Helt expressed a concern that the custom show was delivered later than expected (9/4/14, not 8/1/14 in time for marching band camp) and that the students did not have adequate time to practice the show in entirety before competition. She wants the students to feel confident and positive about the performance. The delay in delivery was due to fluctuating numbers and Mr Kalina being unable to report numbers to the writer before the contract deadline, at the end of last school year. Sharon indicated if we are going to have fluctuating numbers, perhaps a custom show and waiting for the drill writer to make changes isn’t a good match for our program.

Mr. Kalina said he thought the band had adequate time and they could not have worked through the material more quickly.

Bill Elrod commented that the show was pieced together more for football performances than in previous year and commented that there will always be fluctuating numbers in band.

Michelle Jennings asked if WMA or band could have input into the show that is picked or update kids in the spring so they are excited about the show? She indicated that band members might have more buy in. Mr Kalina indicated he picks currently. Other directors commented that buy in can be created without giving choice.

Band Uniform Bags-everyone might have a bag this year, but we are at the limit. Some that are being used are not in good shape. Mr Kalina reports he does not think there are more. We need to figure out how many are needed. Since it’s a uniform expense for a co-curricular activity, school fund should be utilized rather than WMA.

New Plume Case-broken. Replacement is needed, anticipated to be about $200. Needs to hold 70 plumes. Since it’s a uniform expense for a co-curricular activity, school fund should be utilized rather than WMA.

Trailer Options-Erin looked into options so some equipment can be stored near practice field and be better organized. This will reduce wear and tear on the instruments. Will look into ideas for ways families could donate trailer for 2 months of marching band next year. Anastasia will ask her husband who works at Woody’s if they might have a trailer available to borrow. 2 trailers are now taken for competition. Some of the items in bus could be stored on the trailer. Racks with uniforms could be rolled onto trailer. Trailer Organization-pictures were taken of other schools’ trailers with racks to hold uniforms. Other schools are better organized and many of our items are on the buses. Kids are able to sit 2 to a seat but it’s crowded. If trailer could be donated, the woodworking class could work on this project. Mr. Kalina will approach Mr. Wilkinson about this possibility.

Band students need expectations reviewed about where to put cases during performances and how items should be cared for when put on and taken off trailers and buses. Need to better organize these. Small bottles of water to be donated instead of full bottles. Kids are just drinking ½ bottles and leaving them laying around.

Band Uniforms: Mr Kalina reported they typically last 10 years, so at their life span. Will start to deteriorate in a couple of years. Colors are still vibrant. Other schools washable ones. Mr. Kalina will contact uniform companies to get bids when a bid is needed. Last time they were ordered they requested donations for robes and uniforms and they got a lot of money. Ann Cromwell wondered if scheduled payments to an escrow account so we are prepared to pay the cost is an option or just do a fundraising appeal? No decision reached.

**Musical-**Practices going well. No preshow rootbeer floats. Just intermission treats for free will offering or for sale and sale of flowers before show.

**Choir-**Concert October 20 at 7:30 p.m.

8 choir students are preparing for All State Audition-excited, performing difficult music, doing awesome

5-6 band students are preparing forAll State Audition.

Starting to think about Community Christmas Concert.

Choir will perform with Simon Estes in April Combined with other Iowa County High Schools. Scholarships available for those who sing in choir. Kinze Christmas party- Dec 4 EnHarmony, Sirens, and some ensembles will perform.

Show Choir going awesome.Doing choreography in small groups. Working well. Excited about show.

**Disney Trip**

Can’t post trip accounts publically. Now slip is printed out and given to child.

Performance times and dates and outside trips are coming together. Directors will provide these soon.

**Next Meeting: November 13 @7p.m.**