November 13, 2014 Williamsburg Music Association Minutes

Directors Present: Tyler Kalina, Katie Berte, Steve Manning

School Administrator Present: Lynell OConnor

Officers: Erin Eichhorn and Sharon Helt

Parents and Students Present: Ann Cromwell, Tina Choate, Ann and David Rackow, Jesse Bruer, Karen Meyerholz, Donna Frasher, Bobbi Jo vanDeusen, Bryon Helt

Meeting called to order by Erin Eichhorn at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes** from October 9 meeting were forwarded to parent membership email list and available to read at the meeting. Sharon Helt reviewed highlights. Mr. Manning clarified that various instrumental ensembles will join EnHarmony and the Sirens for the December 4 Kinze Christmas party. Minutes were approved.

**Finance Report** reviewed by Sharon Helt in Mary Greiner’s absence. Savings: $1199.05, Checking: $6360.54=total $7559.59. However, $2000 check to Dornicks has not been cashed. So actual combined savings and checking=$5559.95

No expenses identified for approval tonight.

WMA plans to propose a budget for January-December 2015 at the December 2 meeting. Attendees discussed the 3 funding sources for the WHS Music Program; Williamsburg Music Association, Music Org (concession money shared with FCCLA and FFA), and Departmental Budgets. It was proposed that instead of a dollar amount being allotted for budget items, a % of income could be assigned instead. No decision reached on this proposal.

Ms. O’Connor shared that the Department Budgets have remained the same for 3-4 years. Less money was available in Music Org this past year due to fewer games, resulting in less concession money. Items that in the past were paid for by Music Org (awards, show choir choreography) were paid for by WMA last spring.

Ms. O’Connor will check to see if a one time approval could be granted for band uniforms to be cleaned (school pays for), twice in 2014. Thereafter they would be cleaned each fall immediately following the marching band season. Choir Robes need to be cleaned, as well. It’s been 2-3 years. Post meeting update-Dr. Montz has approved this proposal. Choir robes and band uniforms can be cleaned now. Band uniforms will then be cleaned again in November 2015.

**Old Business:**

Marching Band Photo Button Fundraiser –Mr Kalina and Bobbi Jo van Deusen reported all buttons have been distributed and money has been collected from buttons ordered. Bobbi Jo explained that buttons were made of all members due to time constraints and wanting to have all buttons available before first competition. Some of the members may not have ordered, yet received a button. (post meeting update-Mary Greiner will follow up with Mr. Kalina and a few students who reported to Mary that they had paid, yet Mary has yet to receive it and deposit it).

Musical-Mr Manning reported it was an excellent show. Sold out 2 shows. Lots of community help with lights and sound. First time 2 shows sold out. Tanner Riley hopes to return 1 more year.

Costumes need to be returned back to Washington. WMA officers will email and see if a volunteer can get them back . If no volunteers within a week, Tanner can return them (post meeting update, David Rackow returned them…thanks!).

Intermission Donations were $509. Flower sale profit was $140.

Fundraising: WHS Basketball concessions shared with FFA, FCCLA, and WMA. Bobbi Jo has sign up genius for games when WMA needs to work. Erin explained that we are planning for the Ford Test Drive In April. We will be working with Capper Ford. We need to wait until January 1 to secure the date of April 11. Will also have rummage sale in conjunction with test drive. Other fundraising possibility-hosting jazz band competitions or 1A/2A show choir competitions. Directors will inquire and report on possibilities at January meeting. Buttons for Show Choir-vanDeusens will take during Show Choir kick off. Mr. Manning will call Marty Bunge to take group photo for poster. Sharon Helt will check with Mark Adamson to see if the Dinner Show pictures can be taken at the kick off, too (post meeting update-Mark will do this).

Deanna Holder will oversee Carver Concessions for UI BBall and Wrestling. Lori Adamson and Katherine Roloff work with the football concessions only (post meeting update-Sharon emailed Deanna. She just received information and will sign contract this week and sign up for available concession stands. She will then need director’s help or WMA’s help to email announcements to the parent email list).

All State Update-Auditions complete. 8 choir students and 5 band students auditioned. Jesse Bruer and Madison Mohr made it and other 3 are alternates for band. Conner Vance was called back for a recall for Choir. All State Festival November 20-22.

Band

Report of Competitors’ Shows from Prairie Competition-Mr Kalina reported he emailed competitors on October 14. Received 2 email responses (West Delaware and Solon) and talked to Independence. Independence received 1st place. They have a custom show written by Ted Reicher. Since it’s a co-curricular class, their department budget covers the cost of the show.

West Delaware-Director wrote own show 7 of 8 years. One year, another director wrote it for $1000. Have used stock shows in past. Liked drill but director had to make changes due to fluctuating numbers of band.

Solon- Director wrote his own drill 13 years and did not charge music association or school. 14th year arranged his own music but got paid for it. He wrote show and put it through his own publishing company and got paid through association or school.

Some schools charge a cleaning fee for uniforms. Donna Frasher wondered if students could purchase their own shoes rather than wearing shoes from previous years. No decision made.

Mr. Kalina indicated he would like to have a budget amount by at least March. Ms. O’Connor indicated that they had discussed buying a stock show and having the drill arranged.

Trailer-Anastasia Lamansky not present to report on status of borrowing trailer for marching band season. Sharon Helt suggested that a big purchase item like a trailer might be considered for the Kinze request. In year’s past we have just listed instruments for the Music Program. No decision reached on this suggestion.

Plume Case-Mr. Kalina reported one could be purchased with next year’s departmental money since it won’t be needed until fall 2015. Approximate cost $170.

Uniform Bags-Parents need to figure out how many need to be replaced. Email request will be sent. This will be determined by December 2 meeting. Once number of bags and estimate to replace are provided, it will be determined which funds will be used for purchase.

Mr. Kalina reported he has used his department budget for band shoes, plumes, gloves, batteries, and instrument maintenance for drum heads, and mallet replacement.

Upcoming Band Concert-Dec 15, 7 pm. Choir is collaborating with band for some selections.

WAMAMC honor band next week.

Website-Will absent tonight. No update available for facebook page intended for announcements and Picasa photo sharing site (post meeting update, Sharon will email to check status)

**New Business:**

Dinner Show-Begin discussion at Dec 2 meeting.

Christmas Grand Concert—Bobbi Jo will set up a sign up genius for decorations, bake sale volunteers, setting up chairs after game December 5, and meal servers. Directors will ask students to ALL brig items for the bake sale. Chairs will be set up after bball game. If floor not refinished by then, does not need to have floor protection. Mrs. Berte will talk to Brenda Schropp about designing the program. It will be printed at school. No flower sales for this event. Bake Sale will be a free will offering with larger items being priced. Ann Cromwell and Bobbi Jo will coordinate the bake sale. Chef Jeff will cater the meal for student and community member participants. Choir members are needed. Mrs. Berte provided a flier to distribute for recruiting singers.

Talent Show/Fundraiser- January 17. Erin Eichhorn and Sharon Helt volunteered as Co Chairs. Committee: Mr. Manning, Mrs. Berte, Ann and David Rackow, Bryon Helt, Karen Meyerholz. Will meet soon and have report for December 2 meeting regarding advertising, ticket prices, format for talent show (auditions, participant age guidelines, time limit), emcee, lighting/sound. Will be great to have faculty participate. Large group speech entries are a possibility.

Show Choir –Mr. Manning will send notice with due date to pay (Kick Off, February 1). Senior Parents will provide ice cream. Sign up Genius will be used for food and drink donations needed for the Show Choir competitions and for hair styling. Mr. Manning reports choreography, costuming, and props are all going well.

Disney-last fundraiser due before Christmas. Another Payment due by December 10 (each student needs to have an account balance of $550) Final Balance will be due by January 26. There will be a pre-trip meeting for parents in March.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Minutes recorded by Sharon Helt

Next Meeting December 2 @7 p.m.