**Port Washington High School Music Boosters**

**April 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Kira Johann, Larry Watry, Marchell Longstaff, Sheri Michalowski, Tammy Biskobing, Mary Beth Tennessen, Lori Hayes, Mike Bendt, Tom DeMerit, Linda Guokas, Alan Dust, Dennis Gephart, Marcia Nosko, Pat Kotecki, and Kay Goodwin

Meeting called to order by President Mike Bendt at 7:01 p.m.

March Secretary’s report was reviewed.

Donna Grady motioned to accept.

Mary Beth Tennessen seconded.

Pat Kotecki presented the treasurer’s report.

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| **Beginning Checkbook Balance:** $28,993.08 |  |
| **Income:**  Photo Fundraiser $ 25.00  Soda Sales $ 24.00  Solo & Ensemble  Proceeds $ 415.00 | **Expenses:**  Soda $ 320.34  Solo & Ensemble Expenses $ 220.00  Spaghetti Dinner Expenses $ 158.11  Auditorium Expenses $ 5,649.16  To PWHS - Solo & Ensemble $ 80.00 |
| Solo & Ensemble  Checks $ 80.00 | **Ending Checkbook Balance:** $23,109.47  Restricted: $8,199.96  General Fund: $14,909.51 |
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Sheri Michalowski motioned to file the treasurer’s report.

Marchelle Longstaff seconded.

**Choir Director’s Report**

Auditorium upgrades:

Bought several new spotlights and two new sub speakers. Also purchased 20 stand lights for the pit band. They are LED clip-on lights that can be plugged in if needed. This solves safety/tripping hazards caused by power cords in the pit. Drum shield shells were purchased for musicals. This muffles the sound a bit so that the drum sound doesn’t overpower.

Several kids successfully auditioned for the WSMA choirs:

Grace Boylan and Erin Guokas are alternates for Treble Choir

Matt Haggenjos is in the Mixed Choir

Jackie Rowley is in the Treble Choir

Rachel Bilman is in the Mixed Choir

Vocal Jazz placed 5th in the ICHSA finals. Brian Arvai won best soloist.

Acapocalypse went very smoothly. It was a great concert. The president of the state music association attended and was very complimentary, and had ideas for the next event. Probably won’t be next year, as we will be doing the Madrigal Dinner. The Voices of Harmony group from Milwaukee, one of the top groups in the country, saw the write-up in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. They also attended. Trying to figure out how to involve them next time.

**Band Director’s Report**

It was a great month. The Wisconsin Brass Quintet concert and clinics were phenomenal. The students performed, and then the Quintet performed for the students.

We started drum major auditions. They will finish tomorrow (4/30). The announcement will be made at the May 8th Pops concert. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

State Solo & Ensemble was successful. There were an amazing number of students participating. Received good judge feedback, especially for the Jazz Band.

Pandemonium is scheduled for May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Start time is 7:00 p.m. Cost is $7 per person. A portion of the proceeds go to the Watry Scholarship Fund.

The last band events are the Memorial Day parades in Port Washington and Saukville. This will be following by the annual picnic.

This year, we will ask everyone in band to have their uniforms cleaned. We would like to start with a ‘clean slate’ next year.

There are 19 graduating seniors this year. Donna Grady volunteered to pick up the flowers this year for the choir and band concerts.

**New Business**

The Boosters will fund state medals for Solo & Ensemble.

Both Dennis and Alan will forward list of participating students to the secretary for certificate printing.

The new reimbursement form will be published on the websites. Congratulatory letters to students who participate in events by audition will be sent with a reminder to download, complete, and submit the form for funding consideration.

**Old Business**

Anyone interested in assisting with Grad Grams should contact Kay Goodwin.

Italy forms will be available next week. There are 100+ students interested, as well as about 45 families (for the ‘shadow’ tour). The first student deposit of $350 is due by July 1st. Still waiting for information on parent deposit.

The Band Pops and Choir concerts will have a $3 admission. This money goes toward funding scholarships. Need parents to sign up to work the admission table. Kira Johann, Donna Grady, Mary Beth Tennessen, and Pat Kotecki volunteered for the band concert. Donna Grady, Mary Beth Tennessen, and Kay Goodwin volunteered for the choir concert. Sheri Michalowski will hand out flowers at the choir concert. Marcia Nosko will hand out flowers at the band concert.

Roles for the VP of Band and the VP of Choir were explained. Kay motioned to nominated Tami Wojo as VP for Choir, Donna Grady seconded. There were no other nominations. Vote was unanimously in favor. Tami accepted by phone. Kay motioned to nominate Kira Johann as VP of Band. Pat Kotecki seconded. There were no other nominations. Vote was unanimously in favor. Kira accepted.

Dessert Fest is May 27th at 6:00 p.m. Families without a graduating senior should bring a dessert.

Donna will talk to Tammi Wojo about coordinating serving and beverages.

Larry Watry recommended more promotion of all of the good things that are happening with the music program. He suggests banners and display cases outside the auditorium. The group thought this was a good idea, and offered other promotional options as well, like creating a poster of events (similar to team posters that sports groups have done). Could have refrigerator magnets made with key concert dates and other events on them. Inviting school board members to concerts was another idea. Also discussed was use of a monitor or large electronic photo frame to be running slideshows of events and advertising dates.

At this time the reimbursement process was recapped from prior discussion:

* Notify parents/students in September of the process and form
* Congratulatory letter to be sent by the Boosters to students who successfully audition for events, with a reminder to visit the website and download, complete and submit the form requesting partial reimbursement of their fees.
* Choir/Band directors will keep requests on file for the year, and will make recommendations for reimbursement at the May meeting
* All requests will be considered by the Boosters at the May meeting
* Reimbursement checks will be distributed at Dessert Fest

This process will commence with the 2014/2015 school year.

Tom DeMerit motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mary Beth Tennessen seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marcia Nosko

**Next meeting dates:**

**2014:** September 9th, October 7th, December 2nd, **2015:** January 6th, February 3rd, March 6th, April 7th, and April 28th