

WACMA Meeting November 3, 2004

Attendance: Diane Wene, Darlene Schmidt, Michael Lopez-Kaley, Sue Stalewski, Dawn Adams, Scott Dekok

Secretary's Report: Dawn moved to accept. Diane seconded. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Accounts closed out for Scholarships, Orchestra Trip. Darlene approved, Dawn seconded. All agreed.

Orchestra Report: Concert on October 22nd went well. They are 58 students in the orchestra.

The turn out for the orchestra concert was very low. We feel bad for the kids, they work hard and then no one comes to the concert. If parents have to drop their kids off, why don't they stay and bring other family members.

We need to do something to get more parents involved. Mailings and flyers cost money. The school has an automated phone service whereby it automatically can call all Central parents and deliver an automated message. This would be good to do for all concerts, Choir, Orchestra and Band. Parents would be aware and students can get credit for attending concerts. We feel most parents don't keep the first Newsletter which gives all the dates of events, nor do they read other things that are sent home, or they never get them

Parents should take responsibility for what their children are involved in. We shouldn't have to remind people over and over about what is going on. The kids should not have to work hard and have an empty audience.

Choir Report: First Choir Concert went well. Concerts should have chaperones and be supervised so the director doesn't have to deal with problems from the stage. Our own students don't usually cause any problems. When you get kids from other schools who bring boy & girl friends, then sometimes there are issues to deal with. A lot of kids attending don't know proper concert etiquette.

Scott asked each girl in choir to buy "character shoes" this year. They are a good height and safer on the risers. They also look very nice. Some parents complained.

Musical is going well; we need to get more kids involved in getting posters out in the community. District put the wrong dates on their Cable Channel. The date was changed but they were made aware of the change. Tell everyone you know about it and encourage them to attend.

Band Report: Central Band played for the unveiling of the “Wisconsin Quarter” at the Expo Center. They did very well. Good exposure. They played last week for the football game and will play again this weekend.

We may have a Kringle Sale in Spring. Citrus sale seems to be a bad idea with all the problems with conditions in Florida, may be too expensive.

Next meetings on January 5, 2005. There will not be a December meeting do to concerts.

Diane moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Meeting ended at 6:30p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!