

WACMA MEETING MARCH 6TH, 2007

Attendance: Scott Dekok, Sue Stalewski, Dawn Adams, Steve Joyal, Linda Vergolina, Darlene Schmidt

Secretary's Report: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved
Solo & Ensemble Check to Mary Pat Michels, student accounts updated.
Entertainment Book Sale earnings:

Band \$1,695.84

Choir 2,575.76

Orchestra 895.92

Amounts need to be split out to student accounts.

Students who participated in the West Allis Centennial need to have their accounts credited also.

Choir Report: We have three different accounts: Scholarships, Student Accounts, & Checking They are frantically getting ready for Solo & Ensemble. There are no lessons, so a lot of class time has to be used to prepare. They have 84 events entered. New York Trip planning is going well. **

Orchestra Report: Monday, March 5th the Orchestra played at the new Pick'N'Save store on Miller Parkway which officially opened on March 6th. They played for an hour, it went very well and they got many compliments.
Many orchestra students participated in the UWM Honors Orchestra February 16-18th. They got together on Friday night, rehearsed Saturday and put on a wonderful concert Sunday afternoon. It is a great opportunity for these students and West Allis had a good showing this year. Close to 100 students from 35 high schools throughout the state participated in this event.

Orchestra is also getting ready for Solo & Ensemble. Number of events not known at this time.

Band Report: Getting ready for Solo & Ensemble, number of events not known at this time. Probably will not be a UW Badger Band Concert this year.

Probably will not be a Lancer Band this summer, no director at this time.

****New York Trip:** 27 people will be participating in the trip at a cost of \$1,750.00 each. 18 people are already paid in full, with the remaining close to it. Scott is trying to pay for almost everything ahead of time. He already has the tickets for the Lion King, Blue Man Group, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, International Art Museum.
Scott will also need a check for some cash so he can pay for things like tipping, subway passes, etc. He will keep track of any money he spends and it will all come out of the money collected.

Fundraising:

Entertainment Books – It was a good fundraiser with an excellent profit of \$16.00 per book. But the Representative we had did a very poor job. It was very loosely organized, very poor follow-up; books were here for over a month after the sale. A new Representative met with Scott and wanted him to sign-up and commit to another sale this fall. He did not sign-up yet. If we plan ahead and have people ready to handle the fundraiser, we should be OK and it would be worth doing again for the sake of the profit earned.

Kringle/Coffee Sale - We sold a lot of kringles, Sue does not have it tallied yet. Coffee sale also went well, \$1,200.00 which should net us around \$500.00. Coffee Order is already in. Sue will need help sorting the coffee order the weekend of **March 17-18th**. Kringles will be delivered on **March 20th at 1:00 p.m.** Help is also needed sorting and filling these orders. **Pick-up is from 3-6:00 p.m.** We will hold checks for one week so that people have a chance to collect on their orders.

Poinsettia Sale - This sale is always very popular and goes well. They last a very long time. We make \$3.25 per plant; we should definitely plan on this again. The plants also make the stage look very nice for the concerts.

Solo & Ensemble:

Solo & Ensemble is March 24th. They are looking for 10 parent volunteers from each school. Scott has 5 volunteers so far, he feels confident that we will have enough from Central. Parents can volunteer for a day or full day, 8:00 – 4:00. Miah was trying to get a list of volunteers so he wouldn't be calling and asking parents who already volunteered. Scott will talk to Directors about asking parents to help.

The District will pay for medals. Steve Joyal will be busy accompanying students all day on the 24th.

Advocacy:

March is MUSIC IN YOUR SCHOOLS MONTH

We still need to get the message out how important music is in our schools and how much it helps our students with confidence and their ability to learn in other areas. For some students music is the one area that they can excel in. We need to continue our newsletter and sending information to grade school principals.

There has been talk about “double-dipping” **Math** in the middle and high schools next year. This primarily is for students who score Basic or Minimal on the WKCE Tests. In a lot of cases, Music is where these students can really excel. It is an area where they belong to something and feel good about themselves. If you don't get Freshmen to up for music, you generally don't get them later. While we are trying to prove where our students stand academically, we may be weakening our Arts Education Program.

Restructuring:

The committee has been meeting for two years and will turn their findings over to the crunchers in April. Most likely nothing will happen already next year. They believe that all schools should be for more than two years, and a much better facility.

Frank Lloyd Wright has about 700 students, West Milwaukee about 500.

Our “At Risk” students are only about 2% of our total student population but our spread is in many places. It would be good to have them all in one place.

Our Credit Recovery Program had about 80 students in it this past summer.

- District Projections:** The District is facing a shortage of **1 _ Million** dollars shortage in the 2007-08 school year and possibly **3 Million** in the 2008-09 school year. This is due both declining Enrollment and decreases in State Funding.
- WACMA Records:** We are looking to store a few boxes of past WACMA records at Central. Scott said to Bring them in and he will find a place for them.
- Scholarships:** We have at least one candidate for the Music Scholarship, Riley Olson. Scholarship Fund is in good shape. Darlene will get the Scholarship Letters out to the Directors. We will again go with the “post-mark” date for applications.
- WACMA Positions:** We need to find replacements for the parents who will leave WACMA this June when They children graduate. We need to get more parents involved and aware of WACMA and what is does for our school and students.
- Central Play:** Our Town will run March 9th & 10th, and March 16th and 17th. Go to the play !

Scott motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion approved.
 Next meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AT SOLO & ENSEMBLE!

