

WACMA MEETING MAY 11, 2005

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

Secretary's Report: Dawn motioned to approved,
David seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Figures are accurate and up-to- date. We made about \$50.00 on water & soda sale at All City Orchestra Concert. We sold about 40 of the blue "Music for All" bracelets. Balance of water and soda can be sold to Central for use at the Choir & Orchestra Banquet.

Diane motioned to approve, Dawn seconded. Orchestra Report: Thirteen (13) events went to State. Two soloists and one group received a 1.

Central Orchestra went to Hale on Tuesday to attend an Outreach Concert performed by the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (Philharmonia).

Central Orchestra will tour on May 16th and perform at West Milwaukee Middle School and Wilson Elementary.

Central Orchestra will play for Awards Night on May 19th, and on May 24th after the Banquet.

Band Report: Twelve entries went to State.
Band Banquet on May 18th.

Profit from having the UW Band come and play is \$1,765.00 from the last four (4) years combined. In the beginning they had to pay out quite a bit and catered in food and they lost quite a bit of money. That has slowly improved and they are looking to improve this even more next year.

June 4th is a Band Class Reunion. They are inviting band members from the last 75 years to come together at Central, have a two and one-half hour rehearsal and perform a concert at 7:00 p.m. that night in the auditorium. Concert will be followed by an Ice Cream Social. Admission is free.

Band will also play for the Graduation.

Choir Report:

Retreat the weekend of April 22nd went very well. Clinician spent around 2 _ hours with the choir. Choir was able to do and learn a lot as well as have a good time.

Choir groups/soloists went to State at UWM on April 30th and received 50 Gold medals and 10 Silver. There was a 24 member group and a 10 member group. The rest were duets or solos.

Choir went to see West Side Story at the Fireside. Great show, "Tony and Maria" were fantastic!

Saturday, May 14th the Serbian Community is having an annual event at the St. Sava Cathedral Cultural Center (51st & Oklahoma) at 6:30 p.m. They bring in choirs and dancers from all over the state. West Allis Central's A-cappella Choir will perform a Serbian piece at the concert also. Scott Dekok directed one of their choirs for over 20 years. The Cultural Center recently had a 2 million dollar face lift and this is the first big event since that renovation.

New York Choir Trip in 2007 is still uncertain. The #'s are not looking good for choir groups as far as boy/girl mix and it would be very expensive. Last time they did something like this the land package alone was \$925.00, students had to pay around \$1,425.00.

Banquet planning and organizing is coming along fine.

Music Class(s)
Enrollment:

Number of enrollments seems to be going down which is of great concern. Freshman are being asked to take "Target" classes, SOS (Secrets of Success) and a Study Hall. This makes it impossible for them to have room for electives such as music classes. If the numbers are down it makes it very hard to have a variety of choral groups or well balanced music groups of any kind. Most students don't need a study hall or these target classes. They shouldn't be forced on all freshman students. When the numbers go down it looks like the music class(s) isn't (aren't) wanted, but that is not true. Rather than just cutting these classes out completely, they die slowly on the vine because of all

the requirements put on student. Students want and need music classes.

We plan to send a letter to the District Administrator, School Board Members and Principals of Elementary and Middle Schools stating the importance of music and the positive impact it has on all students.

Sue asked that we order 100 brochures that show the importance and impact of music on students. These would also be sent to the District Administrator, School Board Members and Principals. Dawn motioned to buy the brochures, Darlene seconded.

The AMC Music Advocacy site has many interesting things on it. This and many other sites are listed on our Website. We need to educate parents and students about these issues. WACMA will continue to do this as much as possible.

Concert Etiquette:

It was noticed at the last Choir/Orchestra Concert that people do not know proper concert etiquette. They leave the auditorium while a piece is being performed rather than during applause or a break or intermission. They also slam the doors when leaving or re-entering. This is all very distracting to the performers and the rest of the audience.

WACMA would like to have some black velvet curtains made so they can be put up to block out light so we can leave the doors open. Curtains like this would probably cost round \$300.00. Dawn and Sue would handle this. David motioned that we get the curtains, Diane seconded.

Old Business:

All City Orchestra Concert went very well. We were entertained with pre-concert music by Warner Schmidt on the piano.

A lot of people were not really aware that we were selling water and soda. The soda machines also should have been turned off. Next year we should sell again but strive to make it known to everyone that we are there.

Ron Melby was a guest Director and did a great job with music advocacy with his comments to the audience.

New Business:

Mrs. Mary Guthrie and Susan Stachelski (Music Teachers) will be retiring this year. It is hoped that the District will replace these people.

100th Graduation

Class: 2005 will be the 100th Graduation Class at West Allis Central. There is some special planned for the ceremony—it is a surprise??

Elections: Diane Wene will be President, Sue Stalewski will be Treasurer, and Darlene Schmidt will be Secretary. Liaisons are appointed by the directors.
David moved to accept the elections. Ok'd by all.

Meeting Times
And Days: WACMA will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:02 p.m.
Dawn will secure the building permits.

District Calendar: We would like to have our WACMA meetings listed on the District Calendar. We also want to place an ad for WACMA on the calendar. We need to get our name out there, let people know what WACMA is and hopefully get more people involved.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be on August 2nd, 6:02 p.m.

Sue motioned to adjourn meeting, David seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Scholarships: Scholarships were reviewed and decided after the meeting.
\$2,651.00 was given for summer lessons and camps.
\$500.00 was given to Nate Honore' for a Music Educator Scholarship.
Total of \$3,151.00.