

Prairie Music Association
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2013

Call to order and introductions: Meeting called to order by Amy Ganske, President at 7:00 pm. Those attending the meeting were: Craig Aune, Theresa Blong, Cheri Brummer, Nancy Gregerson, Julie Hupp, Theresa Johnson, Kathy Knutson, Michelle Krapfl, Cathy Krouse, Sharon Langenberg, Jennifer Rigdon, Justin Sands, Marija Santos, Sondra and Chad Smale, Kim Smith, Kelly Truax.

Approval of Nov. 2012 meeting minutes: To be provided by Amy.

Old Business:

Storage:

1. Discussed the location of storage areas and items within. May need to re-evaluate location of items in near future.

Director Reports:

HS Instrumental –

1. Craig reported that "The Novel Act", created by Prairie High School's Student Council had its grand opening and ribbon cutting on February 1st. Students and staff, including several instrumental and vocal students shared their talents.
2. There are 100 kids continuing to HS band.
3. 42nd annual UI Honor Band Festival will be held on February 16th. A record 15 outstanding band members were selected to participate in several hours of intense rehearsals and clinics culminating with the final concert in the evening.
4. Jazz I and II received high honors at last weekend's state festival.
5. Vote for "Art of Noiz" Prairie Pep Band on You Tube under "March Madness" sponsored by West Music.
6. Bands Across the Prairie – Will be held on October 5th, 2013, a daytime event.

HS Vocal –

1. Justin and Cheri reported that Ambassadors received Grand Champion title and Best Vocals award at The Midwest Cup held on January 12th at Lied Center in Lincoln Nebraska. At The Big Dance in Davenport, held on January 19th, Ambassadors and Focal Point both were 2nd runner up in their divisions going into evening round. Ambassadors finished First Runner Up, Focal Point finished Fifth Runner Up. Groups also placed well at Urbandale Show Choir Festival, with Abby Ganske winning Best Female Vocalist. Fab Five was back at the Paramount Theatre this year and gave a chance for our groups to perform at this historical site.
2. New vocal coach is Jarred Rogers. All vocal coaches have full schedules.
3. Cheri working with Marija Santos on Premiere website.

Point Instrumental – (reported via email from Mike and Jeff)

1. 7 eighth graders selected for Iowa Bandmasters Association All-Iowa Eighth Grade Honor band. Highest honor that this grade can receive in Iowa! These students will join other honor musicians on May 9th at All-Iowa Eighth Grade Honor Band in Des Moines.
2. Nearly 100 Point band students and parents attended "Stomp" on January 20th in Cedar Falls.
3. Discussed upcoming important dates.

Point Vocal -

1. Kelly reported that Point's vocal concert is on February 14th.
2. We are busy working on our musicals! The 8th and 9th grades musical is "Once On This Island" and performances will be on March 11th and 12th. The 7th grade musical, "Captain Louie" will be performed on March 12th and 13th. They will travel to our 4 elementary schools to perform for students.
3. Several Point and HS speech kids have performed recently. One HS MT group is performing at speech All State on Saturday.

Creek Instrumental and Vocal – (No report)**New Business:**

1. Went over open positions for 2013-2014.
2. Discussed condition of equipment trailer and future needs. Committee to be formed to pursue further.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8 pm.
Respectively submitted by Kathy Knutson