

## PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

April 10, 2012 minutes

The meeting was called to order by Amy Ganske at 7:00 pm.

### Upcoming Events:

- Just Jazz – Noel LeFebure and Sharon Langenberg chairs– May 18, 2012- invitations going out next week.

### Officer Reports / Ongoing / Old business:

1. Amy Ganske - Pres–
  - Need people for nominating committee so we can vote on new officers and chairpersons for next year. Contact Amy otherwise if want to be involved, otherwise current officers are “nominated” by Amy to be the nominating committee. See handout for open positions / what we need for next year. It will be helpful to see the names of the HS students for next year in choir, band and show choir so we can solicit some of those parents for help.
  - We would like to get a copy of next year’s master calendar ASAP when it is done so we can plan for next year events.
  - OUR BIGGEST challenge for next year is how to improve volunteer participation. WE need to work on this issue this summer. Ideas included a meeting with all band and choir parents, “mandatory” parent participation hours, giving away an “arts” parking pass at Prairie Fest, free tickets for so many hours of volunteering and reserved seating.
  - Amy is willing to stay on as Pres. for one more year. UNLESS someone else wants the job. 😊
2. Sharon Langenberg – VP-
  - Patron’s number and dollar amount down, will keep brainstorming for how to get support back up for next year. Ideas included getting business sponsors for next year.
  - Sharon will meet with the directors by the end of the year to review what has gone well, what we could change etc.
  - Sharon is willing to stay on as VP for next year
3. Kim Smith – Treasurer
  - Treasurer report submitted.
  - Amy would like to see the directors look at ways we can cut costs on our hosted events to maximize our income.
4. Kathy Knutson – Secretary –
  - Minutes from February approved.
  - Kathy is willing to stay on as secretary next year.
5. Kathy Krouse – Volunteer
  - Willing to stay on for next year.
  - Amy would like Kathy and other officers to meet over summer to figure out how to improve parent volunteer hours.
6. Webmaster – Marija Santos
  - Willing to stay on for next year

7. Spring Fundraiser – Kathy Knutson
  - Sales were good
  - Need a new spring fundraiser chair for next year.
8. CD Sales- Marija Santos / Mary Santana –
  - Marija is working on getting information from a company we can use.
9. Building Representatives: Michelle Krapfl present
  - Another school (Solon) came to last concert – should they have to pay if they come as a school? Discounted tickets? Something to discuss for next year.

#### New Business

1. Changes for next year:
  - Fab 5 back to Paramount – getting 2 new Prairie Representatives
  - Will have our own show choir competition – will need lots of volunteers, meeting next week to get process started.
  - Show choir camp – Kathy Knutson heading this up.
  - Volunteer planning – needs to be done starting now for next year.
  - CD sales – directors city wide need to discuss and all do the same thing.

#### Band Directors' Report:

1. Craig Aune Deron Jimmerson: HS Band: Very busy end to school year with UI and Coe honor band performances, concerts and state solon and ensemble. Excited for next year, interviewing and auditioning drum majors, working on marching band, etc. There is about 75/95 current freshman who have signed up for band next year as sophomores.
2. Point band – very busy with concerts, Indianola and Coe jazz band performances and 9-12 Solo/Ensemble Night – Last Thursday, every 9<sup>th</sup> grader performed. Upcoming is state solo / ensemble festival, every 9<sup>th</sup> grader will perform. Coming up is Coe Honor Band, State large group and the Adventure land Festival of Bands. The Point 7-8 Solo/Ensemble Festival – Tuesday, May 8.
3. Creek band - Wendy / Amy – not present tonight.
4. Creek choir - Kendra – not present tonight.

#### Choir Directors' Report:

1. Justin Sands and Cheri Brummer– Curtain Call went well, lots of thanks to Noel and Sharon. Solon and Ensemble contest is coming up and we have an end of the year recital we are preparing for. Show choir workshops and auditions are this week. We are busy with promoting show choir at the 7-9<sup>th</sup> level with a camp this summer. There has been a good response to our own first ever competition which will be held Jan. 5, 2013.
2. Kelly Truax – Point is busy with solo/ensemble contest, both 9<sup>th</sup> grade choirs will sing at Large Group, select choirs have started rehearsals and a Few Good Men will perform with the Harmony Hawks Aril 27<sup>th</sup>. All choirs at Point in concert May 14<sup>th</sup>. Great success with the musical and a fun time for all. Not sure on staffing for next year and if Kendra will be staying. This is a .75 teacher position, and despite asking the district for an increase, we do not get that so retention in this position is tough.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.