

PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION
May 8, 2012

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

In Attendance:

Craig Aune, Cheri Brummer, Micki Crispin, Amy Ganske, Julie Hupp, Deron Jimmerson, Kathy Knutson, Michelle Krapfl, Cathy Krouse, Kim Lande, Sharon Langenberg, Kendra Purscell, Chad and Sondra Smale, Kathy Tozcykowski, Kelly Truax, Amy Williams

Minutes of April 10, 2012 approved.

President's Report

- 1) **Amy Ganske** reported that help is needed prepping uniforms for dry cleaning after graduation on May 26th.
- 2) Volunteer changes needed to encourage parents to help with PMA events. Utilize Key Club, other high school volunteer groups. Creation of letter to request 3 hours of volunteer time per family.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Report on 2012-2013 Budget – Various line items of budget discussed between executive committee via email on May 7th. Discussion to continue next month.

Patron's Report

- 1) **Sharon Langenberg** first reported that she needs help with building music note towers.
- 2) Discussed Just Jazz ticket sales.
- 3) We currently have 88 donors. Total amount received approximately \$5,700.
- 4) Sharon to investigate any possible tax issues with sending patron letter to area businesses.

Directors' Reports

- 1) **Deron Jimmerson** reported that Large Group Symphonic received a "1" at latest state competition! There were 129 events this year for grades 9-12, 49 division "1" ratings were awarded! Awesome job!
- 2) **Craig Aune** reported on the high school band student retention rates for the coming school year. Retained 84% of 9th grade students, 97% of 10th and 11th grade students. Gained 66 kids over last two years!
- 3) Watched the 2012 Prairie "Hawks" Marching Band video called "Spies Like Us". Check it out on the C.R. Prairie Bands website!
- 4) **Cheri Brummer** reported that IHSMA Large Group Festival was an awesome success! Also discussed important, upcoming dates for show choirs. All show choir participants are strongly encouraged to get vocal lessons this summer and attend one of the area All-State camps being offered between June and August.
- 5) **Kelly Truax** reported that Prairie Point's two 9th grade choirs sang at large group contest and represented Prairie well!
- 6) Kids are very excited for the upcoming select choirs concert on May 14th and the spring vocal groups concert on May 24th.

7) Kelly also reported that choir sign ups are complete and they are excited to see 104, 7th grade men and 70, 8th grade men signed up for 2012-2013. By far, these are the largest numbers Point has ever had!

8) **Kendra Purscell** also reported a high retention rate for Point women in the 7th and 8th grades. Looking forward to upcoming concert.

9) Vocal group from Dubuque recently toured our concert hall and were very impressed. We need to stress to students our good fortune in having the opportunity to perform here and everyone plays a part in it!

10) New class assignment to be for music students to watch a concert at another area school and write up a brief report about their experience.

11) **Amy Williams** reported on upcoming concert date. Band sign ups complete for 5th and 6th grades, band for 6th and 7th grade looking good. Kids progressing well in instruction.

New Business

1) Voting for various PMA positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.