

Prairie Music Association

September 11, 2012

Meeting called to order by Amy Ganske at 7:00 pm.

**In attendance:**

Craig Aune, Mike Davies, Amy Ganske, Julie Farmer, Julie Hupp, Deron Jimmerson, Tanner Emerson, Delaney Hoffman, Theresa Johnson, Kathy Knutson, Michelle Krapfl, Cathy Krouse, Sharon Langenberg, Wendy Morton, Marija Santos, Kim Smith, Kathy Toczykowski, Kelly Truax

Minutes of August 14, 2012 approved and seconded.

**President's Report:**

- 1) **Amy Ganske** introduced College Community School District's superintendent, Mr. John Spear, who gave an introduction and brief speech. Welcome to the Prairie family, John and family!
- 2) Lori in the print shop can help with printing jobs via email order form.
- 3) Continuing to work on Prairie Premiere. Some chairs, shadows, many volunteers still needed.

**VP/Patrons Report:**

- 1) **Sharon Langenberg** reported that \$1,070 approximately in patron funds received. Letters going out. They will be included in band mailers, possibly by email as an attachment. Recommendation raised to also sent to parents of alumni. Request email addresses in the letter so that we can build patron database.
- 2) Sharon also reported that PMA sponsored, concert hall instrumental events occurring on the dates of 10/13, 11/10, 1/27/13, 3/16/13 and 6/11/13 (2:00 pm and 7:30 pm shows). This is a fundraiser opportunity for us. Discussed a coffee bar, bake sale at each concert. Need to figure out table placement.
- 3) Storage room organization is coming along well. Sharon needs help with constructing shelves. Still some storage issues.

**Treasurer Report:**

- 1) **Kim Smith** (via email on 10/1/12) passed out latest treasurer's notes. Please let her know if you have any questions.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report:**

- 1) **Cathy Krouse** reported that her volunteer database is 3/4 complete.

**High School Directors' Reports:**

- 1) **Craig Aune and Deron Jimmerson** (Bands) reported that drills are almost done, they are in great shape. Twenty five students auditioning for All State. Jazz I is trying out digital learning system. Going very well, lots of online sharing of input by students. November 10th will be a "Horn Heads" acappella concert. They are hoping for a clinic with them. Uniform fittings are going well and almost complete.
- 2) **Cheri Brummer and Justin Sands** (vocal groups) expressed many thanks to Sondra Smale, Pat Henry and PAT class for helping with organizing and sizing of concert tuxes and dresses. Additional orders will be placed if needed. All uniform fees just about paid. Chamber Choir continues to ready for All State

auditions of October 20th. Required summer camp helped aid in preparation. Chorale and Concert choirs are preparing for October 9th concert. Show choirs working hard, with first choreography camp this weekend. Many thanks to those helping with food, serving/clean up and costume alterations!

**Prairie Point Directors' Report:**

- 1) **Mike Davies** (Bands) reported that lessons are off to a good start.
- 2) **Kelly Truax** (Vocal groups) reported that the boys ' groups are off to a great start! There are 191 boys singing, with each grade having more than last year (7th grade has 90 boys which is a new record!). On October 6th, 39 boys will attend "Real Men Sing!", a men's festival at Wartburg College. On September 29th, two students will compete in a music theatre vocal contest at Drake University. In the process of Opus honor choir auditions that are due next Tuesday. As of today, 21 of 46 students have recorded. Kendra Purscell is recording Prairie Point girls and 6th graders.

**Prairie Creek Directors' Report:**

- 1) **Wendy Morton** (Bands) reported that beginning band students are settling in well and are learning to put their instruments together. They are bursting at the seams with 240 beginners. This is an 85% increase since 2005!

**Committee Reports:**

- 1) **Julie Hupp and Cathy Krouse** (BAP) reported that they have enough help for food concessions, other than needed one more person to grill. In process of finalizing schedule; tough time of year as there are conflicting events such as homecoming festivities. Cookies needed for hospitality tent and press box.
- 2) **Theresa Johnson** (Fall Wreath and Candy Sale) reported that everything going well. Need help with stuffing packets, counting money from placed orders, delivery of product and distribution to parents.
- 3) **Kathy Toczylowski** (Indoor Marching Band Classic) reported that they are in need of 14 dozen cookies (3 dozen per volunteer). Individually wrap 2-3 cookies together per bag. Cookies are needed by October 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting on November 6th, 2012.