



Creative Arts Parents Association (CAPA)

Minutes

April 25, 2017

WHS Media Center/Library

Board meeting at 7:30 PM:

2016-17 Board:

Present:

President: Kathryn Welter

Treasurer: Andrea Case

Secretary: Kim Reichelt

Member-at-Large/Webmaster: Kirsten Robinson

Faculty Advisor: Susan Memoli

Not Present: (Vice-President: **Cindy Lewis** and Member-at-Large: **Barb Renterghem**)

- 1. Meeting notes from March.** Kathryn distributed meeting minutes from January and March, and the board voted to approve them with minor edits.
- 2. Treasurer's report & plan for budget discussion in May.** Andrea distributed a budget to actuals comparison for 2016/17 and the board discussed possible changes and simplifications to the budget for next year. Honor Society cords for graduation will cost \$195 each, and these have been included in the Awards section of the budget, but should be moved to Honor Society. Several students have applied to Nationals, and the board had a discussion about whether to support students who might go to Nationals. The discussion centered around managing the balance between arts to more students versus making significant contributions to a smaller number of students. While the board did not take a vote, there was a sentiment that it would be reasonable to provide similar monetary support for Nationals as is provided for Regional and State groups, but to possibly provide scholarships if additional funds are needed. Whether students are accepted into the National High School Honors Ensembles will be known in June 2017. The board also discussed community programs. This line item was used historically to sponsor events Dr. Tutwiler had requested and yearbook funding, but Andrea suggested that perhaps it could be used to sponsor an arts event during Winter Week, and we could add more funding to this line item. Andrea has not yet received A Cappella ticket sales money from Russell's, and Kirsten said that she was following up. We will discuss at the next meeting whether to stay with Constant Contact.
- 3. Location for May meeting?** The next meeting will be held on May 17 at 7:30pm at Andrea's house

General Meeting at 8:00 PM:

1. Student reports

Anna Marobella attended representing Arts and provided a summary of activity in coursework from Ms Cuneo:

There is a lot of Ceramic production! All Ceramics students are working on animal vessels, Art 1 is about to begin a Ceramic Unit, and all Advanced Ceramics students have been using the new classroom wheels that were granted this past winter. Ms. Latimer and I are getting ready for our Spring Art Show and Fine Arts Night- May 22!

and Ms. Lattimer

Art 1: Students are exploring Notans, a Japanese art form using cut paper and emphasizing positive and negative space to explore different forms of visual balance (Symmetrical, Asymmetrical and Radial); Art 3/4: Finishing up collage inspired landscape paintings; AP/Art 4 Seniors: Working on their concentrations, preparing for AP exams next week. Painting: We are working on the still-life using Candy as our subject. We are about to learn how to stretch a canvas and use acrylic or oil paint. Photo: Students just finished a series of photos which depicted all of the elements and principles of Art, they are now working on Abstraction.

Julia Treese was unable to attend, but provided the following notes via email:

On April 12 we performed a wonderful joint orchestra and chorus concert in the beautifully transformed field house to a great Pops crowd. Honors Sinfonia performed "The Theory of Everything", "Styres' Rally", and "My Shot". Zach Knapp, an All-Eastern singer, sang with the group for "My Shot." The Pops Orchestra performed "Let Me Be Your Star" with three amazing singers, as well as "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" and "Gershwin By George." Both orchestras and the chorus sounded great and it was a fun night. For the rest of the year all groups are going to be working on sight reading skills, new repertoire and continuing to develop other musical techniques. Honors Sinfonia will be going to perform at the elementary schools.

2. Teacher grants. We had only one request for a teacher grant in the spring round - it was \$500 for a day with Barrage 8 (also being sponsored by the Lauren Dunne Astley Memorial Fund and the Weston Educational Enrichment Fund Committee). The board discussed with Susan why there were so few requests, and whether we need to make any adjustments to the process to make it work better for the teachers. The Board decided to leave the grant level at \$2500/semester and will adjust amount and timing if it would be more useful.

3. Planning for Fine Arts Night, Monday, May 22. Awards are 7-8. This is a Monday night, so the night needs some restructuring from the usual Friday night event, can't be a late night. The Board discussed having a sundae bar (Kathryn to contact Food Services to see about setting this up), popcorn and possibly a photo booth. Will try to attract all students, including those who haven't won an award.

Spring Bottle and Can Drive, Saturday, May 6. Susan is working on getting lots of students involved to volunteer at the drive.