

VPA Board Meeting – Show Choir Room
February 7, 2011, 6 pm

Attendance:

Sarah VanWaardHuizen, Eric Shepard, Jan Anderson, Teresa Caracci, Ann Davis, MaryEllen Dockum, Robyn Mills, Tammi Schwaderer, Karen Teel, Loraine Wallace, Sue Nagel, Val Nichols, Peg Rasmussen, Carol Ratekin, Tricia Scieszinski, Raynee Sparks, Joan Sparland, Cindy Swallow, Susan Ward, Ann Wiley, Jyll Miner, Suzie Martz, Joyce Giles

Introductions, names, child, and role in VPA

Welcome: Ann Wiley and Ann Davis, CoPresidents

February meeting called to order by Ann Wiley and Ann Davis.

Approval of January Minutes

Review of minutes. Additions or corrections

Motion was made by Loraine Wallace to accept, Mary Ellen second, Motion carried.

• Treasurer’s Report: Tricia Scieszinski

Successful Showzam over \$14,000 increase in gross vs. 2010 – need to update before report on final figures.

• Choir Directors’ Reports: Sarah Van Waardhuizen, Eric Shepard

Nick Miller to National Honor Choir – in past years VPA has supported with scholarship \$ - total cost 870.00 plus meals – last year several students went supported with \$250.00 per student.

Sarah VW recommends \$450.00.

Students went to U of IA Honor Choir and then next weekend additional students will attend ISU Honor Choir. Positive experiences for students.

Eric: Musical updates – received IA arts council mini-grant. \$1000.00 – need matching funds.

Auditions posted, sign up sheets. Still welcoming volunteers – “the more the merrier”

Julie VanBrocklin is costume coordinator for show.

Request VPA support – for computer program OrchEXtra – synthesized orchestra that will allow for programming of entire show of any parts that the students cannot play. System cost = \$2100.00 – one time fee based on performance, part of expense due to shipping.

Request that VPA will be able to help with \$2500.00 to support musical costs – match funds, fund music costs, and support matching funds, also need “gels” for lighting.

Robyn question – do we need standing VPA committee for Musical? What is the role of VPA/Committee in musical? Answer: Try to involve students across discipline – web design, marketing, woodworking for stage sets, interns, etc. Opportunities for students to work in areas of interest with (hopefully) adult mentors to assist.

Sarah- would be helpful to have Committee Chair or co-chairs that can be in “go to” role as a starting point.

Sue Nagel question – thespian club supported by drama dept, but also interdisciplinary (drama, choirs, band) might be something to look at for future.

Lorraine Wallace – what is responsibility of Music Dept and VPA (specific comment re: lighting) vs. district/JHS as auditorium is used by more than just Music.

Sarah: Nice start up and support from Activities that is district support. We can probably address lighting issues through district resources.

Musical every year? Answer: unknown at this point – hope, yes. But will need to evaluate this year! Revise request for support to \$2100.00 as \$400.00 has been previously allocated. Matching funds are included in this request.

New curtains, yea!

Chicago updates: reminder re: payments. Choir exchange at Davenport North and maybe also Davenport Central can attend. This exchange will be the start of the trip/tour.

Kudos to Showzam chairs committee.

• **President's Report.** Ann Davis, Ann Wiley

Review job descriptions of different responsibilities for chairs, so we can update or plan on communicating to new members as we look forward.

• **Chaperone Chair: Lorraine Wallace –**

Have 13 individuals so far – waiting to hear from a few yet.

2 adults on Synergy bus

Need additional homeroom chaperones– contact Lorraine

• **Past President's Report**– no report at this time

President's Report: Ann Davis

• Roles and Responsibilities description according to by-laws. Need feedback and then would like to provide VPA review. Need to review at one meeting, and then can vote on at next meeting.

• **VPA Kickoff: Coordinator:** Lorraine Wallace: no report

• **Showzam:** Lisa Mentzer, Jodi Schneider, Karen Teel, Suzie Martz

Next year: Karen Teel and Suzie Martz – co-chairs

Successful year! Would be happy to accept additional co-chairs, seeking volunteers.

Working on new signage (Kness signs). Will be in gym for next year. Need larger stage – will be exploring that as well.

Send emails to Karen and Suzie regarding feedback, suggestions, tweaks, etc.

This year was first year that students could use their activity passes – will work on making sure that is improved communication.

• **Madrigal:** Ann Wiley: no report

• **Fundraising:** –Joan Sparland, Ann Davis: nor report

• **Patron Publicity:** **nor report**

• **Parent Book** – Raynee Sparks:

Email w/password was sent out. Some did not get this, so need to either resend or consider how to send to individuals who do not have email access.

How to insure all receive? Consensus to Post online and send password for access.

• **Senior Rep and Parent Show:** Jan Anderson, Sue Nagel –

Need cashboxes, for end of year show Sat, March 26, 2011, 3 pm and 7 pm.

Email will be coming regarding senior photos and baby picture as well as show detail and ticket orders

Will be at JMS, cost \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students (no passes).

Decoration volunteers – all set, need help for selling tickets and manning the doors. Would like this to be from 8/9 building and younger choirs.

Do we have a budget? Need programs printed, tickets. Senior posters paid for by parents.

Program includes candid and donor page. VPA buys commemorative DVD for every choir student (Sarah VW already in budget). Seniors working on bio for program -

Ann via Lisa Mentzer – Lisa would like some help with this. If interested in helping contact Ann or Lisa.

After the show reception: Val Nichols – discussion of donations from parents for reception vs. purchasing – looking to consider costs. Do we pay janitor: VW – no, kitchen person – no, let Sarah know via email and she will arrange schedule.

• **Junior Reps** – no report

• **Sophomore rep** – no report

• **8/9 Building rep** – Julie Schraeger, no report

• **Chamber choir rep:** MaryEllen Dockum

addressing fitting of tuxes for performances

• **Concert choir rep:** Jodi Schneider, no report

• **Treble choir rep:** no report

• **Mixed choir rep:**

• **Innovation rep:** Susan Ward and Kersten Gebard–

• **Synergy rep:** Jennifer Iregui, no report

• **Costume chair:** Janiece Ochoa

• **Transportation:** Teresa Caracci, no report (volunteers, drivers, etc. okay)

• **Vocal Music Apparel:** Alecia Soda: no report

Action items:

\$450 scholarship Joann Sparland moved, Raynee Sparks second, motion passed..

\$2100 Musical Teresa Caracci moved, Cindy Swallow second, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn Raynee sparks, Teresa Caracci second, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:01 pm