

Prairie Music Association

February 7, 2012

Meeting Minutes

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

In attendance: Mike Davies, Julie Farmer, Amy Ganske, Deron Jimmerson, Theresa Johnson, Kathy Knutson, Cathy Krouse, Michelle Krapfl, Sharon Langenberg, Justin Sands, Marija Santos, Chad Smale, Sondra Smale,

Minutes of January 10, 2012 approved.

Director Updates:

High School Band Report:

1. Deron Jimmerson reported that master classes were held during block rehearsal time with private instructors, for each section. PMA funds used.
2. Mid-Winter concert on Thursday, ninth grade will be included this time. Jazz 1 Band will perform in the lobby.
3. Recruiting efforts are under way at Prairie Point. Posters are key tool. High School winds section students wrote letters to ninth graders letting them know why they enjoy participating in high school level band.
4. Jazz 1 and 2 both recently participated in very difficult state competition. So many kudos to them as they both received division honors.
5. Fourteen students going to UI honor band event. 100 band kids from all over are attending.

High School Vocal Report:

1. Justin Sands reported that Prairie Ambassadors have been invited to participate in Fame Chicago (Show Choir National Championship Series), a qualifier event in late March. The top 3 from this event will go on to championship event being held in Chicago at a later date. This is the first time we have been invited to attend!
2. Tentative show choir camp being planned this summer for incoming eighth, ninth and tenth graders interested in learning about show choir. Committee to be formed. Currently Kathy Knutson and Marija Santos.

Prairie Point Band Report:

1. Mike Davies reported about upcoming concerts.

Officer/Chairperson Reports

President's Report:

1. Amy Ganske is having an executive committee later this month or early the next to discuss how to encourage wider range of band/choir parent volunteers for next school year's events.

Treasurer's Report:

2. Kim Smith passed out latest reports to PMA board via email. Reports were reviewed and discussed.

VP/Patron's Report:

3. Sharon Langenberg reported no new patrons since last meeting. Shelving /storage project going as planned.

Volunteer Report:

4. Cathy Krouse – no report.

Spring Activity Updates**Spring Fruit and Candy Sale:**

1. Kathy Knutson reported sale ended yesterday, counted packets received thus far with help from Cathy Krouse, Kim Smith and other parent volunteers this afternoon. Second counting date on Saturday for packets received the rest of the week.

Fab Five:

1. Amy Ganske and Sondra Smale reported a very successful show. Would like to see more middle school involvement for prep show.

Show Choir Festival:

1. Sondra Smale reported a wonderful showing by students. Net \$1,600 from event.

Curtain Call:

1. Sharon Langenberg reported that invitation draft was approved, tickets have been printed. No DVD sales. Subcommittee chairs have been set. Flyers are going up for all schools in the district. Continue to think of ways to promote, keeping seating limits in mind.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Prairie Music Association meeting will be held on April 10, 2012.