

PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION
August 14, 2012

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

In Attendance:

Craig Aune, Theresa Blong, Jill Boone, Cheri Brummer, Deb Collins, Amy Ganske, Pat Henry, Andy Houk, Amy Ganske, Julie Hupp, Michele Irmen, Theresa Johnson, Kathy Knutson, Michelle Krapfl, Cathy Krouse, Gary Lamparek, Sharon Langenberg, Wendy Morton, Chad and Sondra Smale, Kim Smith

Minutes of June 12, 2012 – add "2012-2013 PMA budget approved" to "Treasurer's Report" section. Minutes approved with this addition.

President's Report

- 1) **Amy Ganske** started the meeting with introductions being made by all attendees. Welcome to Theresa Blong, Jill Boone, Deb Collins, Pat Henry, Andy Houk, Michele Irmen and Gary Lamparek!
- 2) Amy stressed the need to get volunteer database up and running. Cathy Krouse reported that she did not get initial email from Michele Krapfl of volunteer lists collected at registration. Kathy Knutson said she would forward email she received to another email address provided by Cathy K.
- 3) BAP (Bands Across the Prairie) and Prairie Premiere chairs and volunteers needed. Especially for BAP as the event date is near.
- 4) Key Club contact Kathy Waychoff needs list of PMA events (including dates and times).
- 5) Amy reported about parent organization leader meeting she attended. Make sure all volunteers visit prairiepride.org, click on "community" and then on "volunteer". Complete the volunteer registration form and submit. Also, chairpersons need to strive to collect names and shifts of parent volunteers that worked their event and send email to Kathy W.
- 6) Let's do Prairie Music Association basket at Prairie Fest! GREAT IDEA!

Patron's Report

- 1) **Sharon Langenberg** reported \$375 in patron funds received during school registration.
- 2) Our goal this year is "\$10,000 by 12/12/12".
- 3) Patron letters revised as needed and ready to be sent to parents, grandparents and local businesses.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Kim Smith passed out 2011-2012 Report for discussion. It should be final except for June/July school district funds statement that we haven't received.
- 2) Discussed process for reimbursement of event expenses incurred by directors, chairpersons. **Make this an agenda item for 8/20 Prairie Premiere meeting.**
- 3) Cash boxes for events will no longer accept \$100 bills.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

- 1) **Cathy Krouse** reported that our PMA table at school registration was a great way to inform our parents about Prairie Music Association and to obtain their contact information

for future volunteer opportunities! She is soon to prepare a database to assist in the volunteer process.

2) Cathy to check with Craig Barnum about sorting out parent contacts between band/choir groups.

Directors' Reports

1) **Craig Aune** reported that last week's 10-12 grades' band camp had the second largest attendance on record! Visit from German foreign exchange director and his ten students added so much to this event!

- Craig discussed the evolution of our fundraising events. Approximately thirty years ago, PMA had two events held in fall and spring, now have 7 fundraising events spread over the entire school year. This is not including the patron program.
- Deron Jimmerson continues to pursue his master's degree and is doing awesome!
- We now have 11 Sousaphones!
- Miscellaneous notes – Band T-Shirt design revealed "Spies Like Us", reminder to band parents to bring 12 pack of bottled water to this Friday's Gator Bowl, and band pictures are on Wednesday, August 15th!

2) **Cheri Brummer and Justin Sands** reported that they are thrilled with this year's senior class and looking forward to a great season! Tentative plans in place for choral festival to be held on April 22, 2013.

3) **Wendy Morton** introduced our new Creek Band Director, **Andy Houk**! Welcome, Andy! Wendy and Andy reported that fifth grade tryouts are complete. Kudos to you both for many, many hours spent on this project!

Committee Reports

1) **Julie Hupp and Cathy Krouse (BAP co-chairs)** reiterated need for co-chairs and volunteer helpers for this fast approaching event. Craig reported great opportunity to do so at this Friday's "End of Camp Showcase" being held during the Gator Bowl. Volunteer sign up table to be placed near bottled water drop off. Julie to give brief speech during event. Amy to talk to potential concessions chair.

2) **Theresa Johnson (Fall Wreath/Candy chair)** reported on dates for this event.
September 23 (afternoon) - assemble fundraising packets at Prairie Heights
September 24 to October 8 - Fundraiser start and end dates
October 10 and October 11 – money counting dates
November 13 – Delivery of wreaths and candy
November 14 and 15 – Pick up dates

3) **Craig Aune (for Cathy Toczykowski, chair of Indoor Marching Band Classic)** reported that this event is similar to choral dept.'s Fab Five event. This year it will be held at the Linn-Mar stadium on October 8th. Rain date is October 15th. Hawkeye Marching Band to perform!

4) **Kathy Knutson (Spring Fruit/Candy chair)** reported that she continues to look for someone to replace her.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.