



## **MINUTES TO GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

**Held in Wellesley High School Library, 1938 Room**

### **Welcome**

**Patti Ayer and Molly Coté**

Patti and Molly welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Molly Coté**

Wendy Paul made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as is and Dave Homa seconded. The motion was unanimously passed and the minutes were accepted.

### **Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves.

### **Co-Presidents' Report**

**Patti Ayer and Molly Coté (alternating)**

- **Positions** still available:
  - WHS Orchestra Rep
  - WMS Band Rep
  - WMS Choral Rep
  - WMS Tech Rep
  - WHS Dance Rep
  - Elementary school reps at Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham
  - Publicity team needs writers
  - Faculty Appreciation
  - Community Building
  
- Job descriptions are available on the website.
- People are also needed to shadow the WHS Drama and Band Reps to learn this year and take over next year.
  
- **2019-20 Goals**
  - Publicity
    - Team: Laura Foody -- social media, Barb Condon -- print, and Laurie Kelly -- Senior Profiles
    - If you are a rep, you will hear from the Publicity Team prior to the event and requested to provide information in order to get the word out.



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- Reps are links to teachers.
- Form that has been used to request information will be reviewed.
- Barb will be emailing reps to give a run down of how publicity will work and deadlines.
- A request was made for pictures and videos from events that you attend. They can be sent to [wellesleypops@gmail.com](mailto:wellesleypops@gmail.com)
- Still trying to increase audiences for band, orchestra and dance performances. All are welcome to join the conversation.
- CORI and Fingerprinting
  - Efforts will be made to get all volunteers CORI'd.
  - Reps need to check sign ups when volunteers come forward.
  - If you are touching a child (make-up, hair, costumes) or will be alone with a child, you must be fingerprinted.
    - POPS will pay for this.
  - Molly and Patti will send email with more information.
- Molly and Patti are going to meet with Dr. Charmie Curry, the new Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to ensure that POPS supports all of the students in the PA department.
- Gala Update:
  - Cabaret 2020 will be on February 7th with Wendy Paul and Carol Morrow spearheading again.
    - Looking for understudies to shadow this year and take over for the future.
    - If interested in volunteering in any capacity reach out to Wendy or Carol at [wendywpaul@me.com](mailto:wendywpaul@me.com), [carolmorrow10@gmail.com](mailto:carolmorrow10@gmail.com)
- Kick Off party
  - 10/1 at the Schaefer's home
  - Time change: 6:00pm to 8:00pm instead of 7:00pm to 9:00pm with hopes that staff may be able to attend.

### **Treasurer's Report**

### **Jenn Caiazzo**

- Jenn thanked Myra Tucker for the time spent together and outstanding work Myra had done.
- Report covers the period from 7/1/19 to 9/1/19 and is available on the POPS website.
- Online and mail donations are coming in. A bit from Amazon Smile. Total YTD donations of \$1,756.68.

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- Some expenses have been incurred associated with accounting software, flip cause and the ice cream social.
- More detailed information can be found on the Treasurers Written Report.
- Joanna Bandte made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire treasurer's report and to accept it as is. Darlene Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted.

### **Director of Performing Arts Report    Mike LaCava**

Mike gave an overview of the beginning of the year activities. Details can be found in the PA Directors Report.

- K-5 faculty will be implementing Standards Based and will have in district professional opportunities thanks to grants from POPS.
  - New staff member at Upham -- Ethan Fells.
  - HHU projects will allow input into designing new music rooms.
- IVEP registration night is Tuesday, September 17th. There will be almost 50 teachers this year with almost 700 after school lessons. There will be five vendors this year.
- At WMS, enrollment in ensembles have increased. New format for musical auditions for this year -- grades 7 and 8 auditioned last week for both fall and spring musicals. There will be a showcase opportunity for 6th graders in the spring. Many outside of school performance opportunities have been lined up for all groups. Looking to make connections and build excitement between WMS and WHS.
- At WHS, the Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Drama, Dance and Tech Department combined for a great kick off event with over 150 students participating. Auditions for Hunchback of Notre Dame took place; performances are in November. A Capella auditions are taking place this week; Acatober will take place next month. The WHS Pep band will perform at home football games. Attire information is coming soon. The Rock Band Club is a new offering for students. Orchestra seating auditions are taking place.
- Allison Madden will not be the front of the house manager for performances. This role will transition to Joanne Wheeler.
- WMS is getting a new sound system and eventually will be getting air conditioning in the auditorium.
- New instruments and equipment is being purchased though POPS and WEF grants this year.

### **New Business**

- Lisa Moore asked about costume changing areas at WHS, which is being addressed.
- Joanne Bandte asked about Rock Band. Auditions are being held on Thursday for the high school. There will be a professional teacher and a concert in January. There is a fee to participate.



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Patti reminded everyone that the next POPS general meeting will be November 12, 2019. Darlene Howard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mike LaCava and unanimously approved.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Shari Prussin, POPS Secretary.*