
Western Branch Orchestra Parents Association

Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Call

Attendees:

Melissa Lauster – President
Steve Pelzel – Treasurer
Carol Ann Blair – Hospitality
Martin Glasco – WBHS
Kirsten Rowe – WBMS
Alice Glasco – WBI/EWC

Cynthia Odom – Communications
~~Jen Butler – Raffles~~
~~Judy Coleman – Secretary~~
Leah Rosenberg – JMS
~~Ruma Patel – Treasurer~~

Call to order

Melissa Lauster called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The agenda was distributed via email. Meeting minutes from the February meeting were confirmed as accurate, and a motion was made by Martin Glasco to approve with a second by Steven Pelzel, none opposing.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Pelzel: Report \$14,340.41 as balance (copy provided via email prior to start). Martin moved to accept report, Alice and Leah seconded, motion passed.

JMS

Leah Rosenberg: NAFME dues coming up (\$130) will pay and send to Steve. Has \$10 reimbursement for plaque update. Signed up for an Ohio State orchestra conference (online, no travel due to COVID) this summer (\$375). Gives her 45 points toward license renewal. Martin moved to cover it and Melissa seconded. All approved.

WBI/EWC

Martin Glasco: Unsure of future of 5th grade classes. Martin gave her a portable speaker to take from school to school.

WBMS

Kirsten Rowe: Waiting on a few instrument returns.

WBHS

Martin Glasco: Discussion on following topics:

- Scholarship winners: Charlotte Goeb (UVA), Roy Butler (JMU), Jacob Odom (ODU), Trey McCoy. Didn't require video performance this year. Had committee of teachers and guidance person who reviewed the material and voted.
- Governor posted guidance today about schools needing to plan for how to do next year. Zero bell might end up being cancelled. New Guidance Director at WBHS, so that may add to the complexity.

- Travel will be challenging next year, as well as fundraisers. John Chenault said to put a moratorium on travel for next year, but if we wanted to start planning, we'd have to start early.
- Martin is the SRO representative for next year. A lot of music-related activities are likely to be first to go with budget cuts and scheduling issues. He'll need to attend All-State (even if no students from WB go there).
- Welcoming new Choral director Robin Duncan (Hoffman)...WBHS grad.
- Has the Flower Sale information from Shauna (they are moving out of the area).
- Has the \$50 from cash box and will put it back at the beginning of next year.
- WBOPA has never purchased instruments, but the city hasn't bought any in many years. Wants to discuss possibly buying one or two instruments.
- John Chenault said no instrument-sharing next year, but they won't be providing new instruments.
- Wanted to do something special for the graduating seniors. Carol Ann says we have travel mugs and key chains. We all agreed that we will work together to deliver them to the students. Carol Ann will get gift bags for them. Martin will pick up the mugs at the school Thursday.

New Business

Melissa Lauster: Thanks to all of the directors for their hard work and support!

Cynthia Odom: Posted videos from Mark Wood up on YouTube. Also need feedback on updates to the web site (including trip cancellation/refund information and pictures).

Nominations for board members. Judy will likely home-school next year and probably won't return to the board. Martin has some names and will send them to Melissa to contact folks to vet them for nomination. Melissa will enlist other board members to help talk to potential nominees. Martin, Leah, and Kirsten will send messages out to the parents asking for parent volunteers. Will try to line up nominees and vote over the summer, then put it up to a community vote at the beginning of the school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Pelzel

WBOPA Treasurer (acting Secretary)