

MPA Board Meeting Minutes

West Campus

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Donna Beard, Kathy Collier, Nancy Chew, Kristy Deischer-Eddy, Jan Lassen, Patricre Costanzi, Shawna Powel, Kyle Costanzi, Neil Johnson

Board Members Absent: Susan Chindemi, Teresa Foster, Carrie Fell, Nellie Santos, Kim Woodward

Music Directors Present: Brent Lewis, Adam Speakman, Ed Otto, Matt McCloskey

Music Directors Absent: Brian Lloyd, Sherry Weaver

Patricre Costanzi, Treasurer:

1. Sherry announced last Friday that she was retiring at the end of this year. We would like to do something special for Sherry. Preferably not a scholarship, since we don't know if there will be funds in the future. Brent may be retiring, but there's been no official announcement yet. Adam suggested commissioning a composer and perhaps frame the commissioned piece. Matt mentioned he could help find a composer, and \$500 is probably what it would cost. Matt would choose Robert W. Smith for Brent.

Donna Beard, President:

1. We have several open board positions for next year, 2016-17.
Michell Nedved volunteered for the VP West position. We have a possible candidate for West Secretary. No one has come forward for President or Treasurer yet. Michelle Schwartz is interested in being the Car Wash Coordinator. Rhonda will post board vacancies on the website and as they come in.
2. Scholarship committee: The information has been sent to each of the schools. March 31 is the deadline to submit applications. We can extend this date if we need to, like we did last year.
We should secure a scholarship for STEM. Mrs. Cooper is offering the scholarships again this year. Taylor Madis won last year and went to Elon University, but then transferred after the first semester, to West Chester University. Elon sent MPA a \$500 check and we then sent it to West Chester. When you send a scholarship for over \$500, the college automatically splits the amount between the first year's semesters.
We re-wrote the scholarship application directions, explaining the student must enroll in the Fall of the year he/she graduates in order to receive the scholarship.
Each year, MPA must ask for the scholarships. We do not have to ask each year for the CD's. Eifert is for West and Wetzel is for East. We have one for East and one for West. Cooper is just for band. There is no CD for scholarship for STEM. Donna presented the scholarships last year.
STEM may only apply through the music program.
3. Rustin's MPA wants to look at our concession stand and see how we work. We set up a tour with them at 1:00 on Thursday.

Patrice Costanzi, Treasurer:

1. Financials: Nothing changed much. A check for \$1,500 was cut for the March 3 East Choir trip.
2. Emily Wisneski from Indoor Guard show wants a Profit and Loss of next year's guard show.
3. Lacrosse is having their Playday this Saturday. Sign up is on i-volunteer for concessions.
4. Keith Jeffrey is offering a fundraiser, similar to a Gold card. I'd like to pass this on the Ways and Means for next year. This is a nice fundraiser that works across the country, not just local vendors and it is "forever". Dairy Queen, Ten Thousand Villages, Applebees and Kelly's Sports are all on it. We need to figure out if profits will go to DSF or MPA.
5. Quickbooks is what we use, but it's not very good sometimes. During football season there is so much going on. Patrice said she will cancel the SAMS card as of July 1. If Neil feels comfortable, he can open one up. It is personally guaranteed. Patrice said she thinks the double signature is very important for control. The bank doesn't look at that but we do and if someone audits the books, we have it.

Matt McCloskey, Choir Director, West:

1. Charms, the website Ed Otto uses, costs \$399 per program and comes out of Ed's budget. Donna asked if we should look at Charms for other Departments? Could we just get one with subsets? Matt said we could print out barcodes for uniforms, use for grades 7-12, and can have up to 100 participants. Ed could get back to us on cost. MPA could reimburse.

Shawna Powel, Director of Ways and Means:

1. Joe Corbi's pizza is the last fundraiser for this year. We are waiting for West to approve. East has approved already. Packets will be handed out to Directors at the next MPA meeting. Selling will be in March and pickup will be at East.
2. Concerned about product being picked up. Thinking a schedule might help. Adam suggested maybe NHS students could help.

Adam Speakman, East Choir:

1. East Choir trip will be about \$1,200 for three nights in Manhattan. Includes food, as well as Broadway show tickets.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jan Lassen

DHSMPA West Secretary