

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION
Board of Directors Meeting
July 10, 2012

Board Members Present: Greg Hoff, Roger Little, Tom Ball, Marco Menezes, Barb Oakley, Carrie Harris, Maria Reiser, Sarah Ahrens, Paul Sachs, Kim Croy, Greg Neumann, Paul Sachs and Jeff Baker.

Employees Present: Lola Tyler

Others Present: Chuck Stadtfeld, Dean Perry, Pam Gilbert, Amber Munsch & Jennifer Saing

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. A motion was made by Barb Oakley, seconded by Carrie Harris to approve the June minutes. All in favor.

Public Comments:

Pam Gilbert spoke to the board concerning Chippewa Hills cutting their orchestra program. She read a letter from Ryan Gilbert concerning this. WMO's past involvement in the program has been appreciated. The program serves 25-35 students. We are being asked to possibly participate in a letter writing campaign and/or provide some financial support if possible. The office has Ryan's contact information if anyone would like to contact him.

Correspondence:

We have received our year round campground license from the state. As part of the license requirement we must post maximum occupancy for each camping area. Lola will contact Ted West, who does our sign making, and have him add the information to each campground sign. Ted is also working on signs for the main entrance to help direct attendees to the right lane. Lola will check on those signs.

Business Manager's Report:

1. Ticket sales are comparable to the last few years; slow but steady.
2. The e-newsletter will be sent the last week of July. If you would like to have anything added to it let the office know.
3. Reminder – worker lists and supply lists are due as soon as you can have them ready.
4. Theresa Moran has contacted us about donating a Happy Wheatland banner. It is believed to be about 30 feet long. Where and how to use it was discussed and decided we should see it first. We will ask her to bring it to the training on August 18th so we can decide.

Administrative Committee:

1. The committee met prior to the board meeting and discussed several items. Among items discussed was our Facebook page. No decision was made, but the feeling seems to be that the office should do the posting.
2. Roger gave a report on the Michigan Presenters Conference he attended in Traverse City. This is something we should continue to attend for networking purposes. The conference is small, only 40-50 people. The Arts Midwest Conference is in Grand Rapids the weekend after the festival and we should send several people to this.

3. A motion was made by Tom Ball, seconded by Barb Oakley, to pay the bills as presented. All in favor.
4. Pamela Burke has used the \$5,000 we allocated for grant research, with an additional \$862.50. Motion made by Tom Ball, seconded by Greg Neumann to pay her the additional. She has also been working on some possibilities for Community Ed. This will be an ongoing process and could take 2-3 years to evaluate its success. Discussion followed to have her continue but to find out how many additional hours might be needed. A motion was made by Greg Neumann, seconded by Jeff Baker, to approve an additional 50 hours @ \$50/hours and for Pamela to present a proposal for 2013 to continue the grant seeking process. All in favor.
5. Budget report was reviewed. It was noted that TAW had more revenue than budgeted.

Old Business:

1. Kiva Project – the model was viewed and reviewed and moving ahead with having plans drawn up was discussed. It was also suggested we should see what kind of support we get from the drummers at the festival. Motion by Kim Croy, seconded by Sarah Ahrens, to solicit bids for architectural plans for the Kiva Project. All in favor.
2. The AED the Eric Neumann had for sale was discussed. There was some concern as to the computability with Mecosta County EMS. Motion by Jeff Baker to purchase the AED, not to exceed \$500, seconded by Greg Hoff. All in favor. UPDATE – Eric had sold the AED but will see if he can find another one for WMO.

New Business:

1. There were a lot of downed trees from the storm the night of July 4. Sarah met with Bob Rau to assess the damage and figure out a plan for cleanup. Bob will look for the right equipment and plan on working the second week of August. Sarah says it could be pretty expensive but doesn't have a cost yet.

Board pictures at the August meeting. The photo will be used for ID badges. Dress nice, there could be a group photo! If you don't attend the meeting we may have to Photo Shop you into the picture, with a picture of our choosing.

Motion by Greg N, seconded by Carrie H., to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.