

HPA General Meeting-October 29, 2019, 7:00 pm

Welcome/Introduction – Mike Moran, President

- Approval of August 27, 2019 minutes, Rob Moses motioned to approve which was seconded and subsequently approved.

Treasurer's Report, Nancy Moses/Kellie Deitrick

- Presentation of September Actuals for FY 19-20
 - Movement of \$20K to capital campaign included in expenses

Publicity and Fund Development

1. Two pronged approach for funding
 - a. Funds for general school year budget
 - b. Capital campaign for replacing seats in the theater
 - i. Already have new curtain
 - ii. Next week will start off painting (blue), followed by carpet replacement
 - iii. Last piece will be replacement of seats once funding is secured
 - iv. Kick off campaign was last week
 - v. Phase two will be a grass roots appeal (i.e. individuals buying seats)
2. Student Faculty Showcase earned \$10,000 for student scholarships
3. Press Releases/Publicity is beginning to pick up as the year progresses.

Introduction of Scholarship Recipients – Dr. Ward

- \$4-8K for many of these summer scholarship opportunities
- 9 students received \$27K in scholarships last year to various places (Madrid, FSU, NYU)
- 17 applicants in total, selection is based on need as well as student application
- many students stayed on campus in dorms; some had curfews and/or parents attending
- funded scholarships typically go to juniors/rising seniors

Riley – Piano department; participated in a 2-week intensive at NYU; highlight was composing in small groups; appreciated that collaboration was stressed during this intensive and showed in student composition; the scholarship program gives students exposure to schools, interests and collaboration not typically offered in the Harrison curriculum

David - Guitar department; participated in a 10-day program in Madrid playing in small concert venues; highlight was realizing music and the arts are very appreciated and encouraged overseas; appreciated the opportunity to travel and see his art in a new light

Jessi – Guitar department; participated in a 10-day program in Madrid; enjoyed playing in small groups and small venues; appreciated getting to meet an ensemble group of adults from TX

Vanielle - Dance Department; participated in a summer intensive at FSU; highlight was the weekend to rest after long days and then culminated in a performance; appreciated getting to be with others who are passionate about dance; the scholarship program gives opportunities to those that would not normally get the chance to participate

Madalyn - Visual Arts department; participated in a summer intensive at the Chicago School of the Art; highlight was the exposure to a new town and getting to learn artistic side of Chicago; appreciated learning how to manipulate materials in a new way

Justin – Musical Theatre department; participated in a program at Mary Mount College, Manhattan, NY; highlight was working with people in the business currently on Broadway; surprised by all the training that the professionals still take to keep up their craft; this scholarship opportunity is valuable to show how interests can be pursued as a vocation

Christina – Theatre department; participated in a creative arts and media program on Yale campus; highlight was the capstone project with a theme (justice) using interactive performance and visual arts; appreciated meeting diverse people from different areas of the country and world; program was the most impactful and enriching experience in her life to date

Principal's Report - Dr. Ward

- Mr. Wilson (Theatre department) has taken a new position; hiring process was initiated. An offer has been accepted by a candidate in NC (starting week before Christmas break).
- Have a volunteer need to help with parking attendants for the Oklahoma! Show.
- Dr. Ward retiring on November 15th, Mr. LeVine will be taking over as interim principal.

Next General Meeting – Feb 18, 2020 - Student Services presentation for February meeting

2019-2020 Important Dates

Nov. 7 – Fall Piano Concert

Nov. 9 – Fall Dance

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

Nov. 14 – Fall Orchestra Concert

Nov. 19 – Fall Guitar Concert

Nov. 21 Fall Jazz Concert

Nov. 25 – Dec. 1 – Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 12-13 – Music of the Season

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm