

# East Tennessee



# Performing Arts Association

## MINUTES

December 12, 2015

West High School Band Room

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Units Represented: Attraction Independent Winterguard; Bearden; Clinton; Farragut; Grainger; Gibbs; Heritage; Karns; Karns Middle; Maryville; Powell; Seymour; South-Doyle; West; William Blount

### I. Financial Report

Financial report was given by Jana Hanson. Current balance is \$7,702.65. The financial report was approved.

### II. ETPAA Educational Symposium

A recap was given from Vic Truscelli, Jim Idol, Rhett Butler, and Clint Juday concerning the ETPAA Educational Symposium held in November at South-Doyle High School. The colorguard roundtable discussion included design analysis versus general effect (what each caption is; how to understand differences; etc.) lead by Jim Idol and Vic Truscelli and movement highlights from Korey Wheatley. The percussion roundtable

discussion featured David England from Innovative Percussion (do's and don'ts; how to get started; etc.) and tips and hints from Chris DeBerry.

The focus of the educational symposium will be education and training for circuit directors, and ETPAA hopes to have it each year.

### III. New Business

#### A. Cadet classification

ETPAA will be introducing a new winterguard class for the 2016 season: cadet. It will feature performers in fourth and fifth grades (perhaps third as well), and will use Regional A sheets and scoring.

#### B. Circuit Fundraising

Several ideas were discussed to bring additional money to the circuit. These were:

- (1) People's Choice Award
- (2) T-shirts for Championships (exclusive)
- (3) Raffle

A motion was made for the circuit to pre-order and sell T-shirts exclusively at Championships and a motion was made that the people's choice award would benefit the circuit and the "people's choice". Both motions were passed.

#### (4) Corporate sponsorship

Corporate sponsorship was also discussed. Blake Garcia of West volunteered to research corporate sponsors further and report to the Board of Directors.

#### C. Qualifier/Evaluation show format

In 2015, each unit had the opportunity to perform twice. This process makes for a long day for both members and judges.

Jim Idol proposed several different formats for the qualifier/evaluation. Discussion was held on each. The general membership voted to have a voluntary evaluation in the morning and a full competition following the evaluation.

#### D. John Hooper, Sound Technican

John Hooper provided sound for the Gibbs contest in 2015. He approached the circuit to provide sound for all 2016 contests. The Board of Directors recommend show hosts pay Mr. Hooper's fees. A motion was made and was passed regarding same.

E. CompetitionSuite

ETPAA would like to contract with WGI for use of CompetitionSuite for the 2016 season. We believe the process will be an improvement over Dropbox. Discussion was had, and the motion passed.

F. Site visits to new contest hosts

Grainger County and Clinton are the two new contest hosts. Visits will be made by members of the Executive Board after the new year.

IV. Next ETPAA Meeting

The next meeting date was not determined.

V. Performance draw

The 2016 performance draw was held.

December 12, 2015 ETPAA meeting was adjourned.