

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting October 19, 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by NAOPA President, Lee-Hannah Allen

Approval of Minutes- The minutes from the previous meeting held were approved without modification.

Treasurers Report – Valerie Welsh, NAOPA Treasurer

Current balance is \$45,458.38. A full detailed report can be found on the NAOPA Website (naorchestra.org).

Committee Reports –

Chaperone Coordinator – We need chaperones to accompany the Strolling groups to and from events. All who are interested must have their clearance documents on file. Those who filed last year are probably set for the year as well. If uncertain, contact Lorraine Ozypok, or the Central Administration Office to see if your clearances are up to date. Information on obtaining clearances are available on the district website.

Uniforms – The fitting process is completed. We are still transitioning into the new style dress for girls.

Fundraiser Coordinator Update – While NAOPA is not merely a fundraising organization, it is a lot of what we do. We provide several fund raising opportunities for those who wish to use them to offset a portion of the cost of the spring trip. Participation is completely optional. For a complete list of all fundraisers, their coordinators, and important dates, see the NAOPA Fundraiser Plan 2017/18 in the appendix at the end of these minutes. Briefly, the fundraisers are:

Giant Eagle gift cards: Order forms are available on the NAOPA web site or in the orchestra rooms. Completed forms may be turned in to the orchestra teachers or mailed directly to Sue Longo, whose address is on the order form. Five percent of purchases are credited to the student against the spring trip.

Flower and Bulb sale: This sale completed on October 6th with fewer sales than last year (about 500 sold on-line). Product sent directly to the customer. Students are credited with 50% of sales toward the spring trip.

Mixed Bag Designs: Sale ends on 10/20. Students get between 40 and 50% of order amount, depending on the items ordered, and whether the orders are placed on line or on an order form. Order forms and catalogs will be available in the orchestra rooms. Payments should be made as a single check, payable to the NAOPA. Orders come in sorted. On-line orders are shipped directly to the customer.

Program Ads: Ads are for the program of the winter and spring concerts can be sold from 10/20 to 11/3. One of the biggest fund raisers, resulting in about 50% credit for the student, which depends on how many ads are sold. Premium ads sold on a first come, first served basis are very high value. Ads are in various sizes. Ad rules: no alcohol, must be appropriate, no religious or political organizations. All ad copy will be reviewed for approval. Make sure the student's name is on the ad order form. As always, checks payable to NAOPA.

Pie Shoppe pie sale: At the meeting it was announced that this fundraiser would be cancelled due to lack of a coordinator, but subsequent to the meeting a coordinator volunteer was identified. The vendor is the Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown, PA. A variety of fruit and cream pies and pumpkin rolls, delivered fresh on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Selling for \$9 each, student profit depends on the number of pies sold. Last year the credit was \$2.25, but is usually closer to @2.10. Help will be needed on the delivery morning to get the product sorted and distributed out of the NASH cafeteria. There will be lots of info, a product list, and order form. As usual, pay with a single check to NAOPA.

Prestige Coffee and Tea sale: A variety of coffees (ground and bean, decaf and regular), teas, and biscotti. Student credit is 50%. Pickup is the Saturday before Thanksgiving, same as the pie sale. This sale is from 10/20 to 11/3 and it happens a second time, in January (1/12 – 1/26), along with the pierogi sale.

Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck pierogi sale: A variety of pierogi styles, sold in packages of 10 or 12, depending on the style. Last year they sold for \$9 per package, with a student credit if 45-5-%, depending on the number of units sold. Pickup will be in mid-February. The pierogi's are delivered frozen to the NASH cafeteria. As with the pie sale, help will be needed on delivery morning to get the product sorted and distributed.

50/50 sale: Each year we sell 50/50 tickets at our winter and spring concerts. Proceeds do not support any individual students, but rather help to support NAOPA's charitable activities. We will need volunteers to help with the sale.

Senior Banquet – Open to all graduating seniors and their families. The banquet will be in May. Time, date, and location TBD.

Old Business

New Business

Orchestra Director's Report – Sarah Lavelle, Director

This year's Spring Trip will be to Myrtle Beach, SC. All information, including itinerary, projected cost, and payment timeline are available on naorchestra.org. The buses will depart Tuesday, May 1st, and return to NASH on Sunday, May 6th. The orchestra will be staying at a "condo style" resort with three pools and a lazy river. Six to eight students can room together. The first payment is due on October 19th.

Closing Announcements

Lee-Hannah reminded those present that the NAOPA needs active volunteers, especially to take over positions that will become open due to parents of 2018 graduates no longer being in office or as coordinators. If you are interested in learning more, please contact one of the members of NAOPA. Please check your emails and the naorchestra.org website for chaperone opportunities, as well.

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on November 16th in the Orchestra Room at NASH.

Dismiss

With our business completed, a motion to dismiss was offered and the meeting was adjourned by Lee-Hannah Allen, NAOPA President.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Connor, NAOPA Secretary