

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting – November 16, 2015

Welcome – Matt Howell, president, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the October NAOPA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- This year's fundraisers have generated the following amounts:
 - Betsy Ann Chocolates \$1,874.94
 - Giant Eagle Cards \$7,062.50
 - Flower Bulbs \$683.50
 - Mixed Bags \$5,029.35
- There have been \$66,353.21 in deposits, most of which is designated to the Disney trip.
- The current balance, which includes the trip money, is \$93,833.87
- The available balance, not including the trip money, is \$19,748.43

Strolling Strings Chaperone Coordinator's Report

- This year's strolling events have gone very well.
- The next event is on November 18 at the Allegheny Health and Wellness Pavilion in Wexford. The students will meet at the site at 6:00 and should be done by 6:45.
- In order to chaperone a strolling event or the Disney trip, each chaperone must have updated clearances filed with the school district. Please, if you have not already done so, complete your clearances and turn them in to the High School, NAI or Central Office as soon as possible. Heidi Coltin, the chaperone coordinator, checks prior to each event to make sure the chaperones have clearances on file. Thank you for your cooperation. The links for all clearances can be found on at: <http://www.northallegheny.org/Page/22826>
- Five volunteers are needed to take attendance at the orchestra concert on December 7. Please contact Heidi Coltin if you are interested.

Fundraising

- The pickup for the Pies, Mixed Bags and Coffee is Saturday November 21 from 9-noon. Volunteers are needed to sort the pies. Please report to NASH at 8 am if you are able to help.
- The final fundraiser, the Pierogi sale, is from January 11-22 and the pickup for them is on February 13. The forms will be available at <http://www.naorchestra.org/fundraising-opportunities-and-forms.html> when the sale opens.
- Giant Eagle cards will be sold through February.

- NAOPA has an Amazon Smile account. Sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and search for North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association. 0.5% of eligible sales will go to our organization.

New Business

- The NAOPA board has proposed a change to the bylaws, in which the current one-year terms are extended to two years and the terms are staggered so the president and treasurer are elected in even-numbered years and the vice president and secretary are elected in odd-numbered years. This will ensure that experienced officers are on the board from year to year and that those who primarily deal with fundraising, the vice president and the treasurer, are not leaving at the same time.
- NAOPA has purchased two instrument racks for the NASH orchestra room. They should arrive by the end of November.
- Strolling Strings Scholarship nominations will be accepted, beginning in January.

Director's Report

- The second trip payment is due today.
- The health forms are also due.
- Students and parents can sign up to receive text message updates from Mrs. Lavelle and Mr. Whisler. Text to 81010 and put @nash199 in the message field.
- CD's of last year's concerts should arrive this week. They will be distributed and will be sold at the concert.
- Uniforms which are on order should arrive Monday November 23.
- Mrs. Lavelle should be notified about those chosen to participate in PMEA District Orchestra soon.
- Students should plan to be at the after school rehearsal until approximately 5:30. They may be finished earlier, but it will depend on the strolling rehearsal.
- On March 19, 2016, the students will be holding a Disney-themed concert for young children at Carson Middle School. They will dress as Disney characters and perform, then help introduce the children to stringed instruments.

Banquet – Save the date! The orchestra banquet is scheduled for May 31, 2016.

Next Meeting – There is no meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on January 25, 2016.

Submitted by Karen Howell, Secretary