

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting January 18, 2018

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

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

Treasurers Report – Valerie Welsh, NAOPA Treasurer

Current balance is \$90,558.06. Next trip payment is due February 15th. As a 501C organization NAOPA is required to submit tax forms. A full detailed report can be found on the NAOPA Website (naorchestra.org).

Committee Reports –

Chaperone Coordinator – We continue to 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 this 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 is available on the district website.

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. There was a general discussion on how to improve fundraising efforts next year (lessons learned from this year). It was suggested that we designate two coordinators for each fund raiser rather than one to help improve communication and to allow for training of new coordinators as more experienced ones move on when their students graduate.

Briefly, the current 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. Gift cards are available in two week cycles with next cycle ending 1/31/18.

Flower and Bulb sale: Sale completed.

Mixed Bag Designs: Sale completed.

Program Ads: Sale completed with 50-55% of proceeds going to the student accounts depending on final cost of the program printing.

Pie Shoppe pie sale: Sale completed.

Prestigeorge Coffee and Tea sale: A variety of coffees (ground and bean, decaf and regular), teas, and biscotti. Student credit is 50%. Pickup is the same date as the pie sale. The current sale is scheduled for January 12th-26th. No orders have been collected to date. Two volunteers will be needed for sorting and managing pick-ups.

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 \$8 per package, with a student credit of \$3.00-\$3.50 per package, 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. The current sale is scheduled for January 12th-26th and a minimum of 75 packages needs to be ordered. No orders have been collected to date. Two volunteers will be needed for sorting and managing pick-ups.

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. 50/50 winner at December Concert donated their half to back to the NAOPA!

Old Business

Uniform Coordinators are needed for next year.

New Business

Senior Banquet – this year's Sr Banquet is planned to occur at the Holy Trinity Center in McCandless, near UPMC. More details to come at future meetings.

Orchestra Director's Report – Sarah Lavelle, Director

The second Middle School visit was today with the final visit next week at Ingomar Middle.

The Disney Character Children's concert is scheduled for March 17th at Carson Middle School at 11:00am.

For the Spring Trip a form has been created for all students to access on Blackboard to collect information on: T-Shirt size, cell phone number, roommate requests (any number up to 7), chaperone requests, bus requests, etc. This form needs to be completed by Thursday Jan 25th. 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.

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 February 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