

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association

May 12, 2015 meeting

The meeting was called to order by president, Matt Howell at 7:01.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- All bills for the Virginia Beach trip have been paid
- NAOPA currently has a balance of about \$29,000.

Committee/Fundraising Reports

- Banquet
 - Banquet registrations are due Friday, May 15.
 - The banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at the Chadwick.
- Fundraising
 - Vice President Nancy Wolper reported that most of the chairpersons are in place for next year. A co-chair is needed for the Mixed Bag fundraiser and a Trip Chaperone coordinator.
 - There is approximately one fundraiser per month scheduled for next year with a two week window for each.
 - The percentages of profit vary from fundraiser to fundraiser.
 - Fundraising for the Disney 2016 Orchestra trip has already begun. Betsy Ann Chocolates were sold in April and Giant Eagle gift cards will be sold through the summer. Information about the Giant Eagle card sales is on the NAOPA website.
 - Information on fundraisers will be available at the September Trip Meeting.
- Uniforms – Seniors and those not returning to orchestra next year must return their uniforms by Friday, May 22. Girls' uniforms must be washed and placed in a gallon-sized ziplock bag with the students' height written on the outside. Boys' tuxes must be dry cleaned.

New Business

- Clearances
 - Child Abuse Clearance and Criminal Records Check and FBI Background Check will be required for parents volunteering as chaperones for the trip or for strolling strings events. The FBI check is only required for those who have lived in Pennsylvania for fewer than ten years.
 - The North Allegheny website has a link for the clearances.
 - The clearances take approximately 45 minutes to complete and cost \$20.
 - Each clearance is good for 3 years.

Director's Report

- The Disney trip is scheduled for April 13-17, 2016.
- The orchestras will travel on two charter planes, which are more cost effective and convenient.
- The itinerary includes time at the Disney theme parks, Universal studios, Festival Disney adjudication and a studio workshop where the students will learn how a soundtrack is recorded and will have the opportunity to record a soundtrack to a Disney movie.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Karen Howell