

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association

Minutes of the meeting – November 20, 2014

1. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by president Matt Howell
2. **Orchestra Director's Report**
 - The students are learning their strolling music for the Christmas strolling events.
 - Reminder to students, if you are unable to attend your scheduled strolling event and need to trade dates, please take care of it as soon as possible. Once Thanksgiving break is over, the events will arrive quickly.
 - Jeff Turner, the principal bassist from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, will work with the NASH students on 11/21.
 - Mrs. Lavelle received the proof for the CD case for the 2013-2014 year's concerts. The CD's should arrive soon. Once all prepaid orders are filled, the CD's will be for sale at the upcoming concerts.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from the October meeting were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - There was a \$33, 843.32 balance on October 1.
 - \$13,700 in trip payments were deposited.
 - A total of \$1,466.50 in fundraising money was also deposited.
5. **Committees**
 - **Ad Sales** - \$8140 was collected.
 - **Pies** – Delivery date of 11/22. 452 pies were sold. Students made a profit of \$2.10 per pie.
 - **Coffee** – Delivery date of 11/22. 131 units of coffee, biscotti and tea were sold for a total profit of \$593. There is a 50% profit on the coffee sales.
 - **Bulb sales** – Students made a total of \$1466 profit on the bulb sale.
 - **Giant Eagle Gift Cards** – After some frustration in getting the program underway, the Giant Eagle gift card program is up and running. NAOPA purchased \$10,000 worth of cards to get started. They were available for purchase at the meeting. The cards that were not sold will be sold at the winter concert. Once they are gone, future cards will be sold on a pre-pay basis. Order forms will be available and orders can be placed with Heather Rogus.
6. **Old Business** – A Strolling Strings Scholarship committee is being formed to determine the process by which students will be nominated and chosen. One parent is needed to serve on the committee. It is recommended that the parent not have a senior student, but be the parent of

an underclassman. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, contact Matt Howell, mhowell15101@gmail.com

7. **New Business**

- NAOPA will be purchasing 5 new basses for the orchestra students.
- December 4 – dress rehearsal for the winter concert
- December 6 – Strolling event – group B, 2:45
- December 7 – Strolling event – group A, 1:00
- December 8 – Winter Concert at NASH
- December 11 – Strolling event - group C, 6:15
- The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2015.

Minutes submitted by Karen Howell