

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting

January 23, 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the previous NAOPA meeting held on October 17, 2016 (available on the naorchestra.org website) were approved without modification.

Treasurer's Report – All students who participated in the Disney trip last year and who are not participating in the Toronto trip have been contacted about the reimbursement they are due. Checks have been distributed to all who responded, totaling \$12,750, and bringing our balance back down to where we want it to be. Most requested that their check be mailed, so we incurred postage costs. After commitments for additional payments expected for the Toronto trip, our available balance is \$24,294.24.

Committee Reports – We are still looking for a venue to hold the annual banquet, which this year will be for graduating seniors and their families. In previous years, few non-seniors have attended, and most of them have been siblings of seniors. Mrs. Lavelle wants her Senior leaders to take the lead on planning and decision making. We have two parents who have agreed to coordinate, but there will be a need for additional helpers, to divide up the work. Projects include planning presentations, communications, acquiring items to use as awards, etc. If you would be willing to help, please contact Mrs. Lavelle or one of the NAOPA officers. We have 88 Seniors, so we anticipate about 200 participants at the banquet.

Fundraising Coordinator Updates – Only three fundraising opportunities remain. The pierogi sale and second round of the coffee and tea sale are in full swing (at the time of the meeting), scheduled to end at the end of the school day on Friday, January 27, 2017. Order forms are to be turned in to the orchestra teachers, along with a check made out to NAOPA. One check for each sale, please. The deadline to order Giant Eagle Cards for the last time this year is Thursday, February 2, 2017. Order forms are available on the NAOPA web site.

Help will be needed on pierogi/coffee/tea delivery day, Saturday, February 18, 2017, to sort and distribute the pierogis. We will take delivery at 7:30am at the NASH cafeteria, with distribution scheduled from 9am to 11am. Because the pierogis are delivered frozen, we must keep the pickup window short. To volunteer, check the line at the bottom of the pierogi order form, or contact Hugh Hughes at hughes2005@comcast.net. The profit for the pierogi sale will be between \$4 and \$4.50 per package, depending on how many are sold.

Order forms for the coffee & tea sale are available in the orchestra rooms, or the form from the sale in the fall, available on the NAOPA web site, can be used again. Profit for the coffee and tea sale will be 50%.

Old Business - None

New Business – There are openings for several officers and fund raising coordinators for next year, including NAOPA Secretary, NAOPA Vice President (oversees fundraising), pie sale coordinator, flower bulb sale coordinator, pierogi sale coordinator, Giant Eagle gift card sale coordinator, strolling uniform coordinator, and perhaps others. Please consider taking on one of these responsibilities. The NAOPA cannot function without the help and leadership of many individuals. We will be discussing this in greater detail at our next meeting.

Orchestra Director's Report – Mrs. Lavelle was unable to attend, but several attendees contributed some information under this category. Upcoming Strolling events include Feb. 13, at 6:15pm (grades 9 and 12, along with line leaders and pianists), and Feb. 19, at 1:30 PM at La Roche College. There are parents who have signed up to chaperone the Toronto trip who do not yet have their clearances filed. That must happen or they will not be permitted to go on the trip.

Closing Announcements – We were reminded to do our Amazon shopping through Amazon Smile. Choose NA Orchestra as the group to support. A contribution of ½ of 1% of every purchase is routed to NAOPA. Last month, that amounted to > \$15. It is not a lot, but it adds up.

Dismiss – The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.