

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting October 17, 2016

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

Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the previous NAOPA meeting held on September 19, 2016 (available on the naorchestra.org website) were approved without modification.

Treasurer's Report

Our current account balance, net of our expected refund for last year's Disney trip, is \$27,334.64. Income includes receipt of a check from the Pittsburgh Athletic Association for a strolling event. Expenditures included purchase of new tuxedos – needed because the incoming freshman class is atypically large, and more seniors are staying in the orchestra than usual. We also purchased a supply of checks because we will be using many more than usual as we distribute Disney trip refunds.

Committee Reports

Chaperone Coordinator – Our first strolling event of the year (Group A) is happening concurrently with the meeting tonight. Upcoming events include:

November strolling events

Group B – Sunday, November 6, 5:30 pm

Group C – Saturday, November 12, 6 pm

Group D – Saturday, November 12, 7 pm

December strolling events

Group D – Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm

Group A – Sunday, December 4, 1:15 pm

Group B – Saturday, December 17, 6 pm

Group C – Saturday, December 17, 6:pm

Fundraising Updates

The Flower Power fundraiser is finished – NAOPA Treasurer Heidi Colton has all of the details. Contact Heidi with questions about the credit accrued to your student.

Giant Eagle gift card sales will continue during the first two weeks of each month. Order forms are available on line at the NAOPA web site (naorchestra.org). To order, students can bring completed forms along with a check made out to NAOPA to their orchestra teacher, or mail them directly to Sue Longo, whose address appears on the order form.

The Mixed Bag Designs sale is currently in progress, with orders due by the end of the school day on 10/21/2016.

Program Ads, Pie Shop Pies, and Prestogeorge Coffee and Tea sales all begin on Friday, October 21. Documents for the Program Ad sale will be posted at the end of the School day on Oct. 21, because sale of the limited spaces (covers) occurs on a first come, first served basis. Information and order forms for the pie and coffee sales are already available at the NAOPA web site (naorchestra.org). Product pickup will occur at the NASH cafeteria on the Saturday before Thanksgiving (11/19/2016).

Old business

One of the strolling events on November 12 is the 21 Voices concert, about which we received a presentation at our last meeting.

New business - None**Orchestra Director's Report – Sarah Lavelle, Orchestra Director**

The spring trip to Toronto is still awaiting School Board approval. Full details will be provided to the students as soon as approval is received. Many students are asking about an estimated cost, in order to determine whether or not to participate in fund raising activities. The estimated cost is now approximately \$700.

The trip is listed on the NA calendar. Students will probably depart early on the morning of Friday, March 31, and return on April 3, 2017. Departure will be from NASH, and will occur early in the morning to get out of the way of the usual school arrival. Some of the highlights will likely include: a dinner dance cruise at Niagara Falls, the Ontario Science Center, Casa Loma, and the Hockey Hall of Fame, in addition to the usual performance adjudication and workshops that are the focus of the trip.

The price of the trip will be all inclusive, covering accommodation, transportation, all meals and venue admissions. The hotel accommodations will allow either 4 or 5 students to a room. Approximately 20 chaperones will be needed for the trip, with the exact number dependent upon how many students participate. Chaperones will stay 2 per room, paying a subsidized rate, the same rate as the students. In order to be a chaperone, all clearance documents must be on file.

The students really enjoyed the Disney Concert that we did for kids last spring, so we will do this again.

The Chamber Orchestras will be playing at American String Teacher's Association in Pittsburgh. Performances will occur during the school day, and so will not affect pit performance in the spring musical. NASH Chamber will perform on March 2, while NAI Chamber will perform on March 3.

Closing Announcements

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2017 at 7 PMin the NASH orchestra room.

Dismiss

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh Hughes
NAOPA Secretary