

## **North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting March 15, 2018**

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Ms Lavelle who was filling in for 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 \$76,961.06. The final student trip payment was due March 15th. The final Pierogi, Coffee, Giant Eagle gift card fundraisers have been completed with profits of \$3,536.50 generated.

**Committee Reports** –

Chaperone Coordinator – We continue to need chaperones to accompany the Strolling groups to and from events including the next Strolling event on March 24<sup>th</sup> (Strolling Group D). 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.

All fundraisers for the 2018 spring trip have been completed. NAOPA needs several new volunteers for next year's fundraisers including the following: Coffee and Pie sales, Giant Eagle Gift Cards sales, Flower and Bulb sales and Mixed Bag Design sales. Securing volunteers now is helpful so that the current Coordinators can pass on their knowledge and lessons learned to help make next year's fundraisers run efficiently.

**Myrtle Beach Spring Trip Updates and Info**

- (1) April 10<sup>th</sup> is the mandatory student and parent trip meeting. The meeting will be held in the auditorium and all details and requirements for trip participants will be reviewed. **All trip participants and their parents are required to attend.**
- (2) All student trip paperwork should be turned in as soon as possible (more details to come at the trip meeting). Please do not wait until the morning of the trip to provide the permission forms, etc.
- (3) The design contest for the trip T-Shirt will be starting soon (details to be announced).
- (4) For this year's Spring Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, all information, including itinerary, projected cost, and payment timeline are available on [naorchestra.org](http://naorchestra.org). The buses will depart Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and return to NASH on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

Uniform Coordinators are needed for next year.

Senior Banquet – this year's Sr Banquet is planned for June 11<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at the Holy Trinity Center in McCandless, near UPMC. More details to come at future meetings.

**New Business**

The NA Elementary Orchestra programs have asked for donations of used ¼ size or ½ size instruments to help for when students either forget to bring their instruments or have mechanical problems with their existing instruments. Anyone who may have smaller instruments they no longer use that they are willing to donate should please contact Bill Connor at [billconnor@zoominternet.net](mailto:billconnor@zoominternet.net) or call at 724-612-8100.

A general discussion of the potential for on-line NAOPA meeting access was discussed. In consideration of improving overall access and attendance to NAOPA meetings, hosting them on Facebook or some other web meeting tool may be useful to help keep all NA Orchestra participants, parent's and leaders better informed.

**Orchestra Director's Report** – Sarah Lavelle, Director

The Disney Character Children's concert is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at Carson Middle School at 11:00a (just one concert). The concert is free and open to anyone but is targeted towards younger children who are encouraged to attend in their favorite Disney themed costumes. The concert will be performed by just NASH Orchestra students (no NAI students).

Beginner String Festivals will be occurring between March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

PMEA regionals are next week and all-state participants will be announced.

### **Closing Announcements**

Ms Lavelle 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](http://naorchestra.org) website for chaperone opportunities, as well.

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Orchestra Room at NASH. There is no NAOPA meeting in April due to the Spring Trip meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Next year's officers and chair persons will need to be selected at the May meeting.

### **Dismiss**

With our business completed, a motion to dismiss was offered and the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Lavelle.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Connor, NAOPA Secretary