

NAOPA Meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2008

1. Minutes from the October 16, 2008 meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report – The total available balance in the NAOPA account is \$14,727.71.

Committee Reports

3. Banquet – Our deposit has been paid.
4. Publicity – Nothing to report
5. Bylaws – Nothing to report.
6. Chaperone Coordinator – Nothing to report.
7. Trip Chaperone Coordinator – Donna Carretta has volunteered for this position. We will hear more from her closer to the trip.
8. Fundraising – We have now completed the four individual fundraisers for the year. The greens fundraiser resulted in a profit of \$5.39 per item. The pie fundraiser profits were \$3 per item. The profits for the Joe Corbi pizza sale varied, depending on the item sold. There wasn't a large response for the Program Ad sale, which may be because the orchestra trip is less expensive this year. Molly Oestreich said that portions of a student's trip payments may be refunded, based on their fundraising sales. Cathy Poole said that a student's fundraising account may be carried over only to the next year. The T-shirt sale was very successful. We made close to \$700. S & G Printing agreed to do a second order for us. Fundraising for the general orchestra fund will mainly take place in the spring. This will include flower sales at the orchestra concerts; the Solo Festival in February; 50/50 raffles; and we may see some funds from PMEA. Per special request by Franklin Elementary, we will have a flower sale at their orchestra concert on December 8. Last year we offset the banquet costs for the senior students with some of the profits from Barrage. Cathy Poole thinks that we should still be able to this year, even without an additional fundraiser.
9. Uniforms – Mrs. Lavelle reported that all of the girls' dresses are in. Cathy Poole said that she is still looking for a source for narrow gold headbands for the girls, if anyone knows of one. In the interim, she is making the headbands with gold ribbon.

Orchestra Director's Report

10. NASH is hosting District 1 PMEA February 5-7, 2009. The event will begin Thursday evening, and will continue all day Friday (the students will miss school) and all day Saturday. We had to buy original music, so on November 24, student volunteers will transfer bowing, stuff folders, and.....have pizza! Jeff Lin, Andrew Ho, and Shawn Radermacher were selected for All-East Orchestra. This is quite an honor, and NA is proud to have three participants. We have several Strolling Strings Performances scheduled for December. Two separate performances are scheduled for Group B for December 7. Mrs. Lavelle has informed the students of which performance they have been scheduled for, and the report time and location. This year's orchestra trip was approved by the School Board on November 19. We have decided to help pay more toward the charges of the adult chaperones attending the trips. The number of chaperones for this year's trip will be limited to 11 or 12.
11. 501 (c) 3 – The application is done and submitted! Cathy Poole said that as she gets more information, probably after the first of the year, she will pass it on to the group.
12. The next NAOPA meeting is Thursday, January 22, 2009.