

NAOPA ORCHESTRA PARENTS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16,2009

Welcome and Introductions - Cathy Poole, president of NAOPA, introduced herself and current board members. Returning board members are Gail Richardson as Vice President, Mary Smith as Secretary, and the position of Treasurer has not been filled. Treasurer is only a one year commitment according to by-laws. Anyone interested please contact Cathy Poole.

Orchestra parent meetings are once a month, usually on Thursday, start at 6:45 and last about 45 minutes. Check NA calendar for dates and times or orchestra parents website for this and any other information related to orchestra. Web address is naorchestra.org

Treasurer's Report – brief report only given by Cathy Poole since we are still in need of a treasurer. Approximately \$7000.00 carried over from last year. Still have outstanding charges related to concert cd's and a couple of other matters which will leave us approximately \$5000.00.

Committee Reports-

Banquet- Will be in May. No other information at this time

Publicity –Nothing

By-laws – Nothing

Chaperone Coordinator – Twelve events this fall consisting of strolling events and December concert. There will be a survey on the website so you may indicate the dates you are available to chaperone. If you are willing to be used on an on call basis give your name and number to Karen Napoli who is the coordinator. Chaperones duties consist of riding the bus with the kids, checking kids in to make sure who is there, helping with instruments, keeping kids in line at events and making sure we return with everyone we left with. Chaperone duties during a concert will be, to check kids in and to stay with kids who are not performing. You will see your child perform. An email will be sent with a link and if you click on the link you will be able to check off the events that you are able to chaperone. The events are all on the website. Go to the high school section. Each student is placed in a group. If they are unable to make the assigned performance it is their responsibility to trade with someone from another group.

Trip Chaperone Coordinator – Donna Carretta is getting papers together for the trip. More information will be available at future meetings.

Uniforms – Linda Cardamone is the coordinator. Uniform try on dates are Sept 29th, 6P.M.- 8P.M. for boys and Oct.1, 6P.M.- 8P.M. for girls. Boys need to buy a tuxedo shirt from Jack's Tuxedo in Wexford for \$17.00 and say you are a member of NA orchestra to receive the discount. If boy needs to change size of tux they need to bring old one in dry cleaned. Explain to girls prior to fitting that the dresses run

small so they may not wear their normal size. If you can't make assigned date call Linda for alternate arrangements. At fitting some will receive tux or dresses that night and others will need to be ordered and will come in November. Returning members who need a different size should come in early to get one that is already here. Freshmen will be given further instructions once they do the fitting.

Fundraising – There will be four individual fundraisers for the trip.

1. Holiday Greens sale – Begins week of Sept 21. Delivered week of Nov. 30. Profit to students is between \$4-5.00. Can be shipped directly to out of town as gifts. Materials are available for students from Mrs. Lavelle.
2. Pie Sale – Pies will be \$9.00 each. Sale starts Oct. 19th. Students profit will be \$2.50-\$3.00 each.
3. Joe Corbi – frozen pizza and cookie dough. Same time as pie sale
4. Orchestra program ads – most profitable way to make large amount of money toward trip cost. Gail Richardson is the coordinator. An example of ad profit would be; a quarter page ad costs \$60.00 and 50% of that goes to the student. Ad sale will be in November but paperwork will be available at the beginning of October. Mrs. Lavelle will post on website when an ad has been sold to a business. If a student does fundraising and doesn't go on the trip this year their money will carry over for 1 year.

We still need a coordinator for Joe Corbi products. Also need a solo festival coordinator and a banquet coordinator.

General Fundraisers – These benefit the entire orchestra. They will consist of T-shirt sale, 50/50 raffles at concerts, flower sales at concerts and solo festival.

Orchestra Director's Report – This year's trip is to Myrtle Beach. It will take place from April 6th-April 10th. We will leave Tuesday and drive thru the night. All details are not finalized. Itinerary as it is now is available from Mrs. Lavelle. Cost of trip will be around \$650.00 per student. Student is not required to participate but trip is open to all students grade 9-12. Orchestra is accompanied by 12 chaperones, 3 directors, and 2 nurses. There is a hired security guard on at night. A payment installment plan will be set up when details are finalized. At this time cost for chaperone's will be determined. Final itinerary will also be posted on website.

PMEA – professional group for music educators in the state. We are in District 1 which encompasses Allegheny County and three other counties. PMEA sponsored Honor's Orchestra will take place in November. Auditions were this week at Fox Chapel High School. This orchestra will have 92 students and at the auditions 25 North Allegheny students were picked to participate.

Also, this year's All State Conference is in Pittsburgh. North Allegheny's Chamber Orchestra submitted a tape along with about 140 other orchestras for a chance to perform at the All State Festival and they were one of three orchestras picked.