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NAOPA Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2008

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Welcome and Introductions

Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report – There is \$4800.00 carried over from last year because of the Barrage Concert.

The only bills outstanding are the CD's from the trip and the down payment for the banquet.

The CD's will be done in 2 weeks.

Committee Reports

Banquet – May 27th @ Chadwick

Publicity – We need someone for this committee. Anyone interested please contact a member of the board.

Bylaws – Filed for non-profit status. The bylaws have been revised and are on the NA Orchestra parent web page.

Chaperone Coordinator – You can go on the NAOPA site to the survey monkey form and x out the dates that you are available to chaperone for local strolling events. The first event is Monday, Oct 13 at the Sheraton. We need volunteers. Group A is performing. There is no school on this day and call time will be 6:15 at NASH. The second event is Friday, Oct. 17th at the Lamont. Group B will be performing and call time is at NASH at 6:30. We also need chaperones for concert nights.

Trip Chaperone Coordinator – The trip has already been organized by Mrs. Lavelle. This job would consist of organizing the chaperones and collecting and organizing all of the paperwork such as health forms and consents.

Fundraising – This is done to offset the cost of the trip. We need one or two parents/fundraiser.

Individual Student Fundraisers are: Pies and Joe Corbi, Green sales, and Program Ads.

General Fundraisers – These are done for the general benefit of the orchestra. They are the 50/50 raffle which is done at the concerts, flower sales which will be done at the Festival of Strings concerts only, and Solo Fest. Solo Fest is an event where elementary and middle school kids pay \$15.00 and prepare one piece of music. They are evaluated on that piece by the string teachers and the high school orchestra students. They also receive a ribbon and a t-shirt. We are looking for suggestions for other fundraisers. Someone suggested the possibility if a flea market.

Uniforms – Initially involves the freshman. The dates are Tuesday, September 30th from 6p-8p for boys and Thursday, October 2nd from 6p-8p for the girls. Parents are responsible for the boy's shirts. They may be purchased at Jack's Tuxedo for \$17.00. Tell them you are with the NA Orchestra when you place your order. Boys are given ties and cummerbund. If they are lost they have to pay for replacements. The girls will be given dresses. Some are new and will need to be hemmed. They should not cut the dresses, leave 2-3 inches on the bottom. They will be given names of seamstresses. They are to wear black closed toed shoes with their dresses. The boys are to wear black dress shoes, no black tennis shoes. Girls must pull their hair back with a headband or hairtie which are gold and will be given to them. The first one is free and if lost they will have to pay for a replacement. If unable to attend these fitting dates there will probably be a combined alternate date the next week.

Orchestra Director Report – We are off to a great start. The playing tests were last week. The freshmen are learning the music quickly and are also working on regular orchestra music. Contract and health forms need to be turned in. PMEA auditions will take place on Tuesday, September 23rd. Mrs. Lavelle will not be at NAI open house due to this. Information about orchestra trip was passed out today. You can look on the orchestra link if you need a copy. The trip is To D.C., Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg this year. It will take place March 26-30. Switched to Campbell tours and the cost is \$585.00 for a quad room. There will be three payment dates, one each in Oct., Nov., and Dec. Please send in commitment forms. All meals are included in the itinerary except one. We are not hiring a videographer this year. We need parents to chaperone, especially men. We also need a trip coordinator.

Cello Fourte– 4 cellists who are electrified will be coming to NASH on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. This is open to all string students. They will perform for the high school students at 1p.m. and for elementary and middle at 4p.m. The concert is free.

We are having orchestra t-shirts made and will be available for purchase district wide. The forms will come home soon.

New Business – The orchestra is filing for 5013c nonprofit status. This should be finalized by the end of the year.

Next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 16th.