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NAOPA Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2008

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Flower Sale Coordinator
Karen Napoli

Banquet Coordinator
Karen McCabe

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.



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1. Minutes from the September 18, 2008 meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report – There is approximately \$4500 in the account. We are in the process of collecting t-shirt and trip payments. The treasurer requested that fundraising coordinators give her a listing from their fundraiser of the student's profit. A \$1000 payment is due to Cellefourte.

Committee Reports

3. Banquet – May 27th @ Chadwick. The deposit has been made.
4. Chaperone Coordinator – Karen Napoli reported for Vicki Kamperman. There was difficulty obtaining chaperones for the October 13th event. PLEASE SIGN UP TO CHAPERONE!!! You can go to the NAOPA site to the survey monkey form and indicate the dates that you are available to chaperone for local strolling events.
4. Trip Chaperone Coordinator – Donna Carretta has volunteered to be the trip chaperone coordinator.
5. Fundraising – A) The greens fundraiser has been completed, orders will be placed this weekend, the delivery date has not been determined. Participation was good. B) Patty Skrovanek has agreed to coordinate the pie sale and Sue Girard has agreed to coordinate the Joe Corbi sale. These will both start next week. Volunteers are needed to help with the delivery on Saturday, November 22 at NASH. C) About 500 orders were received for the orchestra t-shirt sale. A few extras were also ordered. D) The concert program ad sale was explained. Order forms will go out next week for that fundraiser. Students have a chance to make a nice profit with this sale.
6. Uniforms – All went smoothly with the uniform try-ons. The order has been placed and they should be arriving soon. Mrs. Lavelle commented that the new headbands and hair ties for the girls are a nice addition to the uniform.
7. Orchestra Director Report – A) The students were given a calendar of events so that they can keep track of important orchestra dates. B) A new NA symphony orchestra is being formed. Students have been given information about auditions, rehearsals, and concert dates. C) Approximately 20 students from NASH were selected to be in the PMEA Honors Orchestra – congratulations!! D) Students are reminded to give Mrs. Lavelle a written excuse 2 weeks ahead of time if they are unable to attend their scheduled strolling strings event. Students are also required to find a substitute. E) The first trip payment was due today. Approximately 100 students have signed up so far. F) There was discussion of trip chaperone costs. Three directors and two nurses go on the trip and their costs are paid. Other chaperones pay their own way. Meeting attendees were given a written survey with the following options: chaperones continue to pay full price; add \$15 to each student's cost of the trip reducing chaperone cost to about \$200; add \$30 to each student's cost of the trip so that chaperones would have their trip paid for. The majority voted for the second option. G) The student teacher's last day is October 17th. H) Cellofourte is coming to NASH on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. Help is needed with setting up refreshments.
8. New Business – The orchestra's 5013c nonprofit status is still in process. The CDs with concert material from last year have arrived and are available for purchase.
9. Next meeting is Thursday, November 20th.

NAOPA Parent Meeting

March 17, 2009

Treasurer's Report

Fundraisers all complete

Trip is paid for and almost all trip expenses have been collected

PMEA hosting and Solo Festival brought in money

Still need to pay for music and pay PMEA

Committee Reports

Banquet – May 27th at The Chadwick

Will focus on this when return from trip

Last year we paid for the seniors, would like to do the same this year

Seniors each get an award also

More information will be presented at the April meeting

Publicity

Bylaws – unchanged

Chaperone Coordinator – nothing new

Trip Chaperone Coordinator – all have forms, need one clearance form to come in

Will remind volunteers by phone or e-mail

General Fundraisers

Festival of Strings – will sell flowers, 50/50 raffle, & Loverti Scholarship Fund

Scholarship has been raised to \$1000.00

We collect the money but it is managed by the NA foundation.

Adds in the program for Senior High concert already done , just revising

Fundraising for next year – Line up coordinators at May meeting for next year

Talk about which fundraisers to have at this meeting also

Uniforms – headbands will be done by the day of the trip

Orchestra Director's Report

February - PMEA District Orchestra hosted at NA

NA students that participated are listed on the website

Also listed are the students selected to go to Regionals which is tomorrow (3/18)

Three students also selected to All-East which covers twelve states from Maine to Virginia

WVU Honor's Orchestra was at the end of February

NA Symphony – looking at 1 day trip to Hershey Park on June 5th, cost \$100.00/student.

Next rehearsal date is April 1st

Trip reminders – Field trip forms have been passed out and need to be back by Tuesday, March 24th. also need the rest of the forms to be turned in.

After school rehearsals are scheduled. Will check with cello and bass players to see if they want to bring their own instrument or use the schools.

New Business

Bylaws say we need to have elections in April

Nominating forms on line last year and we will do the same this year

Need three volunteers for the nominating committee

April 16th is the meeting

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.