

NAOPA MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Orchestra Room

IN ATTENDANCE were Directors Mrs. Lavell and Mrs. Donato, President Stefanie Chou, Vice-President Renee Hesseling, Treasurer Aaron Lencher, and orchestra parents

Stefanie Chou welcomed parents. Detailed notes provided in powerpoint. NAOPA works in the background to help the orchestra with fundraising, chaperoning, and strolling strings. All parents are a part of NAOPA. Meetings are usually every other month. Next meetings are Nov. 9, January 18, March 14 (mandatory trip meeting).

GENERAL INFO

- Introduced board
- Stef - sends NAOPA emails
- Renee overseas fundraising
- Aaron- treasurer (can answer questions about fundraising and credits for trip)
- Heather- secretary
- Chaperone coordinator- Heather Susini
- 50/50- Nina Pappalardo
- Sr. Banquet Coordinator- need to fill this position

STROLLING

- Groups are set
- NAorchestra.org has info about strolling events

CONCERTS

- Dec. 5, April 25, Disney concert in May
- Mandatory dress rehearsal the day before

WAYS TO CONNECT

- Blackboard
- NAOrchestra.org
- NAOPA@naorchestra.org (you can email there with questions)
- Remind (by grade)

ORCHESTRA TRIP (Mrs. Lavelle)

- Trip built around musical experience
- Christian Howes workshop / Dollywood
- Trips open to all students, but are optional
- Same dates as Choir trip, but different than band
- Details of the trip covered in the powerpoint presentation
- Chaperones over 3-4 rooms of kids, check in and make sure kids are okay, no overnight duties

FUNDRAISING

- Students and parents can fundraise
- All fundraising benefits students directly, except restaurant night
- **Giant Eagle Gift Cards**- starts next Wednesday (visit NAorchestra.org for order form)
- **Aramark**- concessions at Pitt and Steelers games (mostly for parents, but 16 year old kids can do it) email Mrs. Lavelle with questions
 - You have to do a training to do this (good for 2 years)
- **Sarris**- Oct 9-24; 25% profit for online orders, 25-30% for picked up orders (Mrs. Lavelle will scan and include order form in email)
- **Program Ad Sale**- kids email Renee when they sell an ad, then first come, first serve gets the spot (full page ad, student gets \$95), Oct. 23- Nov. 6
- **Pie Shoppe Pies**
- **Prestogeorge Coffee**, Jan 3-17, students receive 50% profit
- **Charleston Wrap**, Nov 1-15, gift wrap, home items, etc. students receive 30-40% profit, all shipped directly
- **Pierogi Sale**, Dec 11-22, delivery Jan 20, students receive \$3 per package
- **Restaurant Nights**, Ongoing, Monte Cellos 2nd Monday every other month

OTHER

- Slideshow will be put on blackboard. Directors will go over the slideshow in class and it will be attached to the email this weekend.

NEXT MEETING

- Nov 9th, 7pm orchestra room