

NAOPA Meeting Minutes October 21, 2021 NASH Library

In attendance were Directors Sarah Lavelle and Lauren Donato, President Julie Tarle, Vice-president Melissa Kelly, Treasurer Les Hulver, and Secretary Teresa Boley.

Mrs. Lavelle called the meeting to order and said she wanted to do an overview for the trip, NAOPA and fundraiser schedule. Mrs. Lavelle explained what the NAOPA is, where to find information online, introduced the names of all the coordinators, and discussed Strolling Strings. She said the strolling groups are done and events will be posted on Blackboard.

Spring trip information – Mrs. Lavelle said she still is waiting on school board approval for the trip, which is March 31 to April 3, 2022. The itinerary includes Norfolk, VA, Busch Gardens and Washington D.C. The cost is between \$800 to \$850. She said she is not going to start collecting payments until the trip is approved.

Fundraising – Mrs. Lavelle spoke at length about all of the orchestra fundraisers held throughout the school year. She said what's new this year is that any money raised could be held for another trip next year. Students are also allowed to pass the money to another student or sibling.

The Giant Eagle gift cards, Sarris Candies, Boon Supply, PrestoGeorge coffee and Pittsburgh Pierogi truck fundraisers were discussed at length with more information available on the NAOPA website.

Liz Whitewolf - Aramark fundraiser - Liz said this fundraiser is new to orchestra this year. She said individuals could work the concession stands at Heinz Field and earn \$125 for a Pitt game or \$150 for a Steelers game. Liz said she coordinates this with the marching band and will keep track of what orchestra parents have earned. She said there are 6 or 7 games left in the season.

Jeanie Schott – Program ads – Jeanie said she has forms for the program ad sales. She explained in detail the amount earned from selling program ads.

Melissa Kelly – Pie Shoppe Pies – Melissa said pie sales are starting a little later this year. The sale starts Nov. 17, and the pickup is scheduled for Dec. 18.

Mrs. Lavelle – All fundraiser announcements will be posted in Blackboard.

Les Hulver – Treasurer – Beginning balance as of 9/1/21 showed as \$56,659.25. A total \$6,200 in income came from Giant Eagle gift card sales and a \$100 donation from ThermoFisher Scientific. Payments totaled \$5,890.00 for vendor gift cards, a \$1,010.00 deposit to Choice Music Tours for the spring trip, and two invoices totaling \$128.14. Les reported an ending balance of \$56,329.61. Hard copies of the treasurer's report were made available at the meeting.

Julie Tarle – President – Julie spoke of two possible restaurant fundraisers and said she will look into those. She encouraged parents to volunteer with the NAOPA.

The meeting concluded at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Boley
NAOPA Secretary