

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting – January 25, 2016

Welcome – Matt Howell, president, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the November NAOPA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The trip fundraisers are going well.
- Program Ads – Enough ads were sold for students to receive 70% profit on each ad.
- NAOPA currently has a balance of \$127,000 for trip payments and \$22,045.55 available balance.

Strolling Strings Chaperone Coordinator's Report

- There are currently seven individuals who have volunteered to chaperone the Disney trip who do not have their clearances complete. If you are planning to go with the orchestra on the trip, please ensure that your clearances are complete and filed with Central Office. The links for all clearances can be found on at: <http://www.northallegheny.org/Page/22826>
- The next strolling event is at CCAC North for Group C on February 2, 2016 at 1:30. The students should meet at CCAC; no bus will be provided. The event will be done by 2:00. One chaperone is needed to take attendance and wait for all of the students to be picked up.

Fundraising

- The coffee and pierogi sale is over. Pickup will be on Saturday, February 13 from 9:00-11:00. Volunteers are needed to help unload and sort the merchandise beginning at 7:30 am.
- The last order for Giant Eagle cards which will apply to the Disney trip need to be in by Feb. 4. Delivery of the cards will be on Feb. 15. See the website (naorchestra.org) for the order form.
- Thank you so much to all fundraising chairs for your hard work. A total of \$30,000 was raised by students to fund the trip.
- The final trip payment is due February 15.

Bylaws Change

- Two changes to the bylaws have been proposed. The first is a change to #502, to change the current term length for each officer position from two one-year terms to one two-year term. The second is a change to #501, to hold elections to the treasurer's position and the president's position in even-numbered years and the vice-president's and secretary's positions in odd-numbered years. The changes were passed without opposition.

Director's Report

- Throughout the month of January, the strolling strings have been playing at the elementary concerts and have also visited middle schools to talk to the eighth grade students about high school orchestra.
- The room assignments for the Disney trip have been completed.
- The bus assignments for the trip will be done in the next couple of days.
- The plane assignments will be done soon.
- **The student/parent trip meeting** will be held in the auditorium on **Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00**. The chaperones will meet beforehand.
- Chamber auditions are scheduled to take place during the first two weeks of February.
- The NASH orchestras (and possibly the NAI orchestras) will present two free Disney concerts on March 19, one at 10:00 am and one at noon, designed for preschool and elementary aged children. The orchestra students will be encouraged to dress up as Disney characters.

Next Meeting –The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2016.

Submitted by Karen Howell, Secretary