

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association

Minutes

September 15, 2014

<http://www.naorchestra.org/>

- The meeting was called to order by president Matt Howell
- Introduction to NAOPA – President Matt Howell welcomed the new parents to NAOPA’s first meeting of the 2014-2015 school year. He explained the mission of the organization.
- The minutes from the May, 2014 meeting were approved.
- Treasurer’s report – Chris Lindberg, treasurer, reported that NAOPA currently has \$34,218.32.
- Committee Reports
  - Uniforms
    - Cheri Mozeyko, uniform co-coordinator, described the uniforms – tuxedo with shirt, cummerbund and bow tie for boys and black dresses for girls.
    - Fittings are being held for new strolling strings members and those who need to exchange. Girls – Wednesday, September 17 and boys – Monday, September 22 in the NAI orchestra room.
    - If you can’t come the given night, you can come the other night, but try to honor the schedule if possible.
    - Girls should wear a tank top or cami.
    - Boys must buy a shirt. Jack’s Tuxedo is recommended, but you may buy one from anywhere.
    - 1 additional volunteer is needed for the Wednesday fitting and 3 volunteers are needed to help with the Monday night fitting. Please contact Cheri Mozeyko ([jmozeyko@hotmail.com](mailto:jmozeyko@hotmail.com)) if you are able to help.
  - Chaperone Coordinator
    - Chaperones will be needed for strolling events and concerts throughout the year.
  - Fundraisers
    - Flower and Bulb Sale – will be held from 9/22 – 10/3. The bulbs are delivered directly to the customers.
    - Program Ads – Juliet Krassenstein, coordinator, introduced the ad sales. Most of the time, students earn about 50% profit on the ads. No ads for churches, political organizations, alcohol, drugs or firearms will be accepted as per school board policy. Ad sales are from 10/6 – 10/17

- Mixed Bag Designs – Laurie Slotterback, coordinator, described the reusable bags and indicated the dates for the sale – 10/20 – 10/31.
  - Pie Sales – Coordinator Annette Watkins – Pies are delivered fresh and refrigerated. All except the cream pies can be frozen up to six months. The sale takes place from 11/3 – 11/12. The pies will be delivered 11/22, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, to the NASH cafeteria.
  - Dunkin Donuts Coffee – the delivery date is the same as the pies, Saturday, 11/22.
  - Pierogies – The pierogi sale needs a coordinator. The pierogi sale is very popular because the pierogies are so good. The sale runs from 1/12 – 1/23 and pickup is scheduled for 2/14 in the NASH cafeteria.
  - Giant Eagle Gift Cards – Heather Rogus is the coordinator. Heather described the program. NAOPA will purchase \$5,000 worth of activated gift cards. NAOPA members can purchase gift cards and use them at Giant Eagle or Get Go for anything in the store, including gift cards and gas. Heather is looking for volunteers who are willing to help distribute the cards on a regular basis.
- Old Business
  - A new scholarship has been established. The new \$500 Strolling Strings scholarship will be awarded to a senior strolling strings member who best exemplifies the spirit of the strolling strings. Students will nominate those they feel are deserving and the nominees will submit an essay. The process is still being finalized at this time.
- Director’s Report – Trip Information
  - The trip information packet was distributed at the meeting, attached to an email sent 9/16/14 and posted at <http://www.naorchestra.org/spring-trip.html>
  - The trip will be to Virginia Beach and Colonial Williamsburg from April 16 – April 19.
  - The buses will leave at 5:45 am on the 16<sup>th</sup> and will return to NASH at 9:00 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - The cost will be no more than \$580. The cost will be less if more students go.
  - A \$100, non-refundable deposit is due by October 16, 2014.
  - \$300 is due by 11/20/14, \$500 by 1/15/15 and full payment due by 2/19/15
  - All fundraising money goes into a common pot. Students do not have “individual accounts” due to our nonprofit status. Each family must keep track of how much fundraising they have done.
  - Chaperones will be needed. The cost for a chaperone is one half the cost of a student.
  - Mrs. Leasure went through the itinerary for the trip.
  - If a student has a food allergy, sensitivity or other food-related issue, please let the directors know well in advance so they can make arrangements with all of the food service companies in advance.
  - The Dixie Classic Festival awards ratings based on the level of music performed and based on competition with the other schools in attendance.
- Mattress Fundraiser – September 27, 2014

- Scott McKenzie, from Custom Fundraising Solution, shared information about the fundraiser. He encouraged each person to inform friends and neighbors about the mattress sale.
  - He donated \$5 to NAOPA for each person in attendance at the meeting.
  - Students were given flyers in class. If a customer purchases a mattress and presents a flyer with a student's name on it, that student will receive \$25 cash from the mattress company.
  - Simmons, Restonic and Sutherland mattresses will be on sale.
  - More information is available on the facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/757278007663317/>
- The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2014 in the NASH orchestra room.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Karen Howell*