

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association

Minutes of the Meeting 1-15-15

1. **Welcome** - The meeting was called to order by vice-president Nancy Wolper at 7:05 pm.
2. **Approve Minutes** – The minutes from the meeting held on 11-20-14 were approved.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – NAOPA currently has almost \$89,000 in the bank. There are two trip payments that students need to pay. The January payment is due today and the final payment is due February 19.
4. **Fundraiser Update**
 - **Coffee and Pierogi Sale** – The sale ends and orders are due on January 23. The items are to be picked up on February 14 from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the NASH cafeteria.
 - Fundraising has raised \$11,000 to date. The total profit for each fundraiser held so far:
 - Bulb Sale - \$1,500
 - Mixed Bag Sale - \$2,000
 - Program Ads - \$4,800
 - Pie Sale - \$950
 - Coffee Sale - \$600
 - Giant Eagle Gift Cards - \$1,000 so far
 - **Giant Eagle Gift Cards** –
 - NAOPA will fill one order per month beginning in February, including the summer months. Information regarding the distribution of the cards over the summer will be shared at a later date.
 - The next order is due by February 6, 2015.
 - The cards will be distributed at NASH during the Pierogi and Coffee pickup, on February 14 from 9:00 – 11:00.
 - **Other fundraisers**
 - NAOPA is considering doing an additional fundraiser after the final trip payment is made on February 19 in order to begin raising money for the Disney trip.
 - If you have an idea for other fundraisers, please contact Mrs. Lavelle or Nancy Wolper.
5. **Director’s Report**
 - Orchestra students have made visits to all three middle schools to talk to the middle school students about orchestra. The students represented the high school strings program well.

- There are two more elementary school concerts at which Strolling Strings groups will perform.
- Auditions for the NASH and NAI chamber orchestras will be held on January 29 and 30 for high school students. The auditions for eighth grade students will follow.
- The room sign ups are up for the Myrtle Beach trip.

6. **New Business**

- The basses which were donated by NAOPA arrived on January 14.
- An email will be sent to the trip chaperones regarding payment. The payment is due when the students' final payment is due.
- The March NAOPA meeting will be the **trip meeting**, held in the NASH auditorium at 7:00 pm. The chaperone meeting will be held at 6:30.
- **Golden Strolling Strings Scholarship**
 - The forms are being finalized by the committee.
 - Senior students will be nominated by their ninth through twelfth grade peers.
 - Those nominating will complete a form which includes a paragraph describing the reason for the nomination.
 - The nominee will then complete a form consisting of three essay questions.
 - The completed forms will be evaluated by the scholarship committee.

7. **Dismissal** – Nancy Wolper concluded the meeting at 7:26 pm.