

# North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association

## Minutes of the Meeting 2-19-15

1. **Welcome** - The meeting was called to order by vice-president Nancy Wolper at 7:04 pm.
2. **Approve Minutes** – The minutes from the meeting held on 1-15-15 were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – NAOPA currently has over \$106,000 in the bank, much of which are payments for the Virginia Beach trip. The final payment is due today, February 19.
4. **Committee/Fundraiser Update**
  - All fundraising for the Virginia Beach trip is complete.
  - **Coffee and Pierogi Sale** – The coffee and pierogi sales were very successful.
  - **Giant Eagle Gift Cards** – NAOPA will take orders during the first two weeks of the month with distribution occurring at the NAOPA meeting each month. The cards can be ordered over the summer and picked up at the high school.
  - **Betsy Ann Chocolates** – Students currently in grades 8 through 11 who are interested in fundraising for the Disney trip can sell Betsy Ann Chocolates during the first two weeks in March. Orders will be due on March 16 with delivery on March 28. Information will be passed out to the students at NAI, NASH, Ingomar Middle and Carson Middle.
  - Banquet – The orchestra banquet will be held on May 27 at the Chadwick. Seniors can attend at no cost. The cost for all others is usually around \$20.
  - The Prestogeorge Coffee Company has asked for feedback regarding their product and their fundraiser. If you have anything you would like to share with the company, please contact Patti Skrovanek at [heiderweg@hotmail.com](mailto:heiderweg@hotmail.com).
5. **Strolling Strings Scholarship**
  - Mrs. Lavelle has received a number of nominations. The application packets have been passed out to nominees. They are due back in mid-March.
6. **Director's Report**
  - Hoodie orders are due on Monday, February 23.
  - Trip t-shirts will be available for purchase for \$5 or \$6.
  - NASH Chamber workshop – NASH Chamber Orchestra will be attending a workshop with PSO's Manfred Honeck. In exchange for the workshop, the Symphony asks that participating schools purchase discounted tickets to a symphony. All NASH students and their families are invited to attend. The original dates offered conflict with the dates of the musical, so Mrs. Lavelle picked two dates in May to see the Disney Fantasia show. A

bus will be provided for students to attend on Friday, May 8. Those riding the bus will stop for dinner on the way, then attend the performance. Tickets can also be purchased for Saturday, May 9, but no bus will be provided.

- There is a strolling event scheduled for Sunday, February 22 at LaRoche at 2:30 for group B.
- Group C has a strolling event on April 11.
- The Beginner String Festival will be held on April 13 at NASH. Strolling groups A, C and D will attend.

7. **Nominating Committee**

- A committee is being formed to find NAOPA members willing to serve as officers for the 2015-2016 school year. At least two offices will be vacated at the end of the summer. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact president Matt Howell at [mhowell15101@gmail.com](mailto:mhowell15101@gmail.com).
8. The next meeting, the trip meeting, will be held on March 19 in the NASH auditorium at 7:00 pm. Trip chaperones will meet prior to the meeting. Mrs. Lavelle will send more specific information closer to the date.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm

- Submitted by Karen Howell