

**North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 16, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Matt Howell, NAOPA president, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Approve Prior Meeting Minutes** – The minutes from the September 2014 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chris Lindberg, NAOPA treasurer, reported that NAOPA had a balance of \$34,125.35 as of October 1, 2014. Checks were written for the Giant Eagle gift card fundraiser and a \$200 deposit was made for the winter concert program.

**Committee Reports** –

- **Ad Sales** – Juliet Krassenstein noted that the ad sales officially end October 17, but she will accept ads returned to her through early the following week. To date, students have made \$2,630 in sales. She is still waiting for \$1,200 worth of sales to be turned in. The sales are significantly fewer than last year. The students' percentage of profit increases as sales increase.
- **Chaperones** – An email will be sent on October 17 regarding the October 30<sup>th</sup> strolling strings event (Group B, 5:30 report time). In addition, chaperones will be needed for a strolling event on November 15 (Group D, 5 pm report time.)
- **Uniforms** – New uniforms have been ordered. They will cost \$1,188. New headbands were passed out to the freshman girls today during classes.
- **Bulb Sales** – 27 students participated in the sale, for \$1,291.50 profit.
- **Pie Sales** – The pie sale begins Monday. Information has been posted on the [naorchestra.org](http://naorchestra.org) website's fundraiser page.
- **Mixed Bags** – The Mixed Bag sale also begins on Monday, October 20. Coordinator Laurie Slotterback demonstrated the eco-friendly bags and offered a wide variety of ideas for uses for the bags, which are available in various sizes, fabrics and shapes. Packets of information were available at the meeting and will be in each classroom throughout the sale, which ends on October 30. Laurie noted that the students receive a 50% profit on the sales. Please completely fill out the front of the packet in case there is an issue with the order. There are no taxes that need to be calculated this year. If a customer wants

to place on order online, the student receives 40% profit, rather than the 50% profit they receive for a catalog order.

- **Giant Eagle gift cards** – Heather Rogus reported that there has been an administrative delay in getting the gift cards from Giant Eagle, so they were not available at the meeting. She passed out a paper with the names, numbers and email addresses of the people who will be distributing the gift cards. For every \$100 in gift cards purchased, NAOPA will receive \$5.00. If you will be purchasing a larger amount, please email Heather so they can arrange to have that much available.
- **Dunkin Donuts coffee** – Patty Skrovanek, coordinator, said that she has not been able to get in touch with the owner/manager of the two Dunkin Donuts locations. She has heard that they will be sold. She is looking into another Dunkin Donuts franchise to contact, or looking for other coffee shops whose coffee we can sell.

#### **Orchestra Director's Report –**

- **PMEA Honors Orchestra** - 27 NA students were chosen to play in the PMEA orchestra.
- **PMEA District Orchestra** – Students should find out whether or not they have made it in a couple of weeks.
- **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** – NASH students can purchase a ticket to attend the TSO performance on December 13. NAOPA has paid for the buses, and the students or parents may buy tickets for \$43 each.
- **CD's** which were ordered last year will come in sometime during the month of November or December. Extras will be sold at the winter concert.
- **Health Forms** - Students were reminded to complete their Health forms. A link was sent in an email. The link was to a Google doc of the Health form. If you have not yet completed the form for your child, please do so before the strolling events begin.
- **Mattress Sale** – The students really tried to sell mattresses this year, but only 16 mattresses were sold. We will no longer sell mattresses as a fundraiser for NAOPA.
- **Trip Money** – The trip deposit was due today. Mrs. Lavelle has had 200 students who said they are planning on going on the trip, but only 90 who have turned in their form. Please get your money and form in early the week of October 20.

**New Business** – A committee will be formed in order to decide on the process for students to apply for the new Strolling Strings scholarship. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Matt Howell, president of the NAOPA.

**Closing Announcements** – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20 in the NASH orchestra room.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Howell