

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting

April 18, 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Sara Hammel, NAOPA Vice President.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the previous NAOPA meeting held on February 20, 2017 (available on the naorchestra.org website) were approved without modification.

Treasurer's report – Our available balance is \$39,029.05 after anticipated expenses, one of which will be the banquet tickets for the seniors which NAOPA always covers.

Committee reports – There are no updates; fundraising is long over. The program for the upcoming concert has been reviewed and is ready for printing. Additional volunteers will probably be needed for the upcoming strolling events in May. We have what we need for the April 30 event.

Fundraising Coordinator Updates – We continue to need coordinators for next year to head up the pie sale, pierogi sale, Giant Eagle gift card sales, senior banquet (Karen Connor volunteered – thank you, Karen), and a helper to assist Cheri Mozeyko with uniforms next year, her last year, and to take over as coordinator the following year.

We will also need a chaperone coordinator. Heidi recommends changing the title of the “Strolling Chaperone Coordinator” to “Chaperone Coordinator” to better reflect the responsibilities of the position. We agreed. That coordinator recruits chaperones for strolling events and the spring trip, as well as attendance takers for the two annual concerts, and is responsible for assuring that all clearances are in place.

Old Business – None.

New Business – The Spring Concert rehearsal schedule is published in orchestra rooms. The concert begins at 7pm on April 25. Arrival times for the students are still to be determined, and will be communicated to the students in class.

In addition to the coordinator positions (Committee Chairs), volunteers are needed to fill several NAOPA Officer roles: President (2 year term), Secretary (2 year term) and Treasurer (1 year, to complete the term). [Note – well after the meeting, Lee-Hanna Allen confirmed that she would be returning as President next year.]

There will be a working meeting of the School Board at 7pm on April 19th in the administration building. One of the agenda items is a proposal from the administration to delay the beginning of the orchestra program in our elementary schools by one year, having all pull-out music programs (orchestra and band) begin in the same grade. Currently, orchestra begins in 3rd

grade, while band begins in 4th grade. The proposal would have them both begin in 4th grade. Chorus would continue to be a scheduled class, not a pull-out program, and therefore would not be affected by this proposal. [Note – the proposal was voted down by the School Board at their voting meeting held on April 26th.]

Orchestra Director's Report – We have all of the volunteers that we need for the April 25th concert. Our chaperone coordinator, Heidi, will be sending an email with times.

Once the concert is over, students will participate in some small group activities and another round of playing tests.

Next year, the Spring Concert will occur during the 2nd week of April, before the spring trip. This is very early, but it must be this way because of conflicts with Easter break and PMEA. The entire music calendar is already available at northallegheeny.org, including the trips.

Details about the banquet on Monday, June 5, will be coming soon. It will be held at Holy Trinity on Babcock Blvd, and is for seniors and their families.

We should consider a change in the NAOPA meeting night to avoid all Monday holidays. We used to hold our meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

The seniors will need to turn in their uniforms, probably with several turn-in dates. Some are done after the concert, others not until their final strolling events. No uniforms may remain in NAI because of the renovation project there over the summer. We decided to collect the uniforms at NASH, and to leave them there for the summer.

We will continue with uniform replacement next year. This year, we used all district money for major things, and NAOPA covered the cost of some one-offs. At this time we know of no new money becoming available. We decided that, for next year, we would replace the NASH Chamber and NASH String Senior girls' dresses.

NAOPA Vice President Sara Hammel will serve as MC for the Spring Concert, because President Lee-Hannah Allen will be unavailable.

Dismiss – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the orchestra room. This will be our final meeting for the school year. The most important item on the agenda will be election of Officers and Committee Chairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh Hughes
NAOPA Secretary