

## **North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting February 20, 2017**

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from the previous NAOPA meeting held on January 23, 2017 (available on the naorchestra.org website) were approved without modification.

**Treasurer's Report** – Our available balance is \$31,250.03, taking into account all expected income and expenses. The pierogi sale profit is not included in the total. All fundraising activities are now complete.

**Committee Reports** – Pierogi Sale - 25 students participated, selling 410 packages. The made a profit of \$4.25 per package for a total of \$1742.50.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – Volunteers will be needed next year to fill several officer positions (Secretary for sure, very likely Treasurer and possibly President) as well as several of the coordinators: Pie sale, Pierogi sale, Giant Eagle card sale, 50/50 sale, Senior Banquet, a helper for the Uniform Coordinator, and a Strolling Chaperone Coordinator.

The seniors are taking the lead on the planning for the Senior Banquet.

**Orchestra Director's Report** – Mrs. Lavelle was unable to attend the meeting; however, she had asked Lee-Hannah to communicate the following.

NASH and NAI chamber orchestras are both playing at the ASTA (American String Teachers Association) national conference at the convention center. Mrs. Lavelle requested that NAOPA pay for lunch for the orchestra students, about 40 kids on each of the two days, one day for each chamber orchestra. We agreed to do so.

Next month's meeting is the trip meeting. Attendance is required for each student going on the trip as well as at least one parent. The meeting will be held on March 20 at 7 p.m. in the NASH auditorium. Please come early to pick up student packets and be in your seat by 7. This meeting usually lasts about an hour. There will be an opportunity to meet the nurses and chaperones who are going on the trip.

Students going on the trip will be required to complete medical forms that must be turned in ON TIME, which is anticipated to be the day of the trip meeting, though they may be turned in earlier to the student's orchestra teacher. The form will be available on line. We currently have 197 students going on the trip, as well as 21 chaperones, 2 nurses and the orchestra teachers.

An important question was raised about whether immigrant students will experience any difficulty returning to the US, depending on their country of origin. The international students have higher reentry requirements than do US-born students. The onus has been on the families to be sure that all requirements are met.

Trip insurance is not included in the cost of the trip. It can be purchased individually, if desired.

**Closing Announcements** – Please consider volunteering to be an officer or coordinator next year. Speak with one of the officers or Mrs. Lavelle if you have an interest in one of the many positions that will be open next year.

NAOPA President Lee-Hannah Allen will be away for the April meeting and the Orchestra Spring Concert. She needs someone else to run the meeting and serve as MC for the concert.

**Dismiss** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the orchestra room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hugh Hughes  
NAOPA Secretary