

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting May 15, 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the previous NAOPA meeting held on April 18, 2017 (available on the NAOPA web site, naorchestra.org, where these minutes will be found as well) were approved without modification.

Treasurer's report – As of May 13, we have a register balance of \$41,871.07, with an expected end of year balance of \$39,121.07 after anticipated expenses, which include tickets for seniors at the banquet, awards at the senior banquet and miscellaneous end of year costs. Traditionally, NAOPA pays for the graduating seniors to attend the banquet.

All fund raisers are long closed. The spring trip deposit of \$460 is a reimbursement for damage at a hotel during the trip. A television was damaged and the student responsible had to pay for replacement, which was handled through the NAOPA to the tour company and on to the hotel. The withdrawal of \$826.25 is a transfer of the funds collected for the Loverti scholarship that is administered by the NA Foundation, not by NAOPA.

Old Business – None.

New Business – We voted to officially change our meeting night from the third Monday of the month to Thursday, to avoid in-service days and long weekend holidays, and hopefully make it easier for more members to attend the meetings.

Chaperones are needed for the two upcoming strolling events on 5/20 (11:15 am at NASH) and 5/25 pm (6 pm at NASH). Three chaperones are needed for each, but only one has volunteered for each, therefore 2 more are needed. Heidi will send an emailed plea.

We discussed ways to stimulate interest in the NAOPA and to increase meeting attendance and participation as officers and coordinators. We plan for a representative of NAOPA to be present in the Orchestra room on curriculum night at both NASH and NAI, to speak briefly about the NAOPA and be available to answer questions. Hugh volunteered to return to participate. We also considered being present at curriculum night at the middle schools. Lee-Hannah will talk to Mrs. Lavelle about this.

The spring orchestra trips is not a school function – it is sponsored by the NAOPA. Without officers, fund raising coordinators and particularly a chaperone coordinator, a trip will not be possible.

The vote on new officers for next year was postponed because only 5 members attended the meeting in addition to the officers. We will reach out to individuals such as Strolling event and trip chaperones, seeking volunteers to serve next year, since no one has come forward.

Since the position of Secretary is a 2-year term, the parent of a junior or younger would be ideal. The Treasurer position is only a 1-year term this year, and so could be served by a parent of a senior.

Sue Longo expressed her willingness to continue as a Giant Eagle gift card coordinator, but only if she gets some help, perhaps someone who would take over officially the next year. Coordinators will also be needed for the pie and pierogi sales, and a chaperone coordinator.

Orchestra Director's Report – Next year's trip will be to Myrtle Beach, a bus trip. The first payment that commits the student to participate will likely be due in October, with the trip to be held in April. But the trip cannot happen unless the NAOPA is fully staffed with officers and coordinators.

Dismiss – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm. This was our last meeting for the school year, and since we are changing the meeting day from Monday to Thursday the date of the first NAOPA meeting next year is not yet available. It will be announced on the NAOPA web site, by email, and in orchestra class at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

Since filing these minutes will be my last official action as NAOPA Secretary, please allow me a brief personal note. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the NAOPA membership as Secretary for the past year, as pierogi sale coordinator for the past two years, and to be an active member of this organization for four years. Please, consider how you might become involved. Our children, and the incredible string program at NA, are so very worth the time and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Hughes
NAOPA Secretary