

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting

September 19, 2016

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by NAOPA President Lee-Hannah Allen

Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the previous NAOPA meeting held on May 16, 2016 (available on the naorchestra.org website) were approved without modification.

Treasurer's Report – Heidi Coltin, NAOPA Treasurer

We currently have a balance of \$55,476.98. There have been no deposits so far this month. The withdrawal of \$578.65 paid for our web site, some posters, and donuts for students who performed for our teachers on their first day back at school.

The current bank balance is atypically large. It is currently inflated because we received a refund from the tour company that we used for the Disney trip last year, in the amount of about \$26,000. The airline fuel cost was lower than estimated, and the airline refunded the overcharge, which the tour company passed through to us. This has never happened before, and likely will never happen again. Historically, small differences between the actual cost of the trip and the payments collected are absorbed by NAOPA, whether positive or negative. Because this amount is so large, just this once NAOPA will refund the difference in the amount of \$85 for each person who paid at least \$85 toward the trip. The current plan is as follows:

- Students who will be going on the spring trip this year will receive a credit of \$85 off of the cost of the trip.
- Students who have graduated or who are not going on the trip for other reasons will receive a refund check in the amount of \$85.
- Chaperones from last year will also receive a refund under the same policy.

More information will be forthcoming once the spring trip details are more firmly established.

Committee Reports

Chaperone Coordinator - We need chaperones to accompany the Strolling groups to and from events. All who are interested must have their clearance documents on file. Those who filed last year are probably set for this year as well. If uncertain, contact Heidi Coltin.

Uniforms – The fitting process is completed. All girls got a dress; some jackets and slacks had to be ordered for the boys.

Senior Banquet. – The spring orchestra banquet this year will be a senior banquet because few students besides seniors participate. It will be open to all graduating seniors and their families. We need a senior parent volunteer (or two) to take the lead. This will involve the coordination of other volunteers, not doing the whole job themselves. The banquet will be in May. If you feel called to volunteer for this, please contact one Sara Hummel, NAOPA VP, or send an email to NAOPA@naorchestra.org.

Fundraising Coordinator Updates – Sara Hammel, NAOPA Vice President

While NAOPA is not merely a fundraising organization, it is a lot of what we do. We provide several fund raising opportunities for those who wish to use them to offset a portion of the cost of the spring trip. Participation is completely optional. For a complete list of all fundraisers, their coordinators and important dates, see the NAOPA Fundraiser Plan 2016/17 in the appendix at the end of these minutes. Briefly, the fundraisers are:

Giant Eagle gift cards: Order forms are available on the NAOPA web site or in the orchestra rooms. Completed forms may be submitted during the first two weeks of each month. Forms and checks made out to NAOPA may be turned in to the orchestra teachers or mailed directly to Sue Longo, whose address is on the order form. 5% of purchases are credited to the student against the spring trip.

Flower and bulb sale: This sale is currently in progress and is done entirely on line. FlowerPower will send an email to parents. Create a student account. Can send to friends and family. There will be paper forms and booklets - coming out on Friday. Product sent directly to the customer. Students are credited 50% of sales toward the spring trip.

Mixed Bag Designs: Students gets between 40 and 50% of order amount, depending on the items ordered, and whether the orders are placed on line or on an order form. Order forms and catalogs will be available in the orchestra rooms. Payments should be made as a single check, payable to NAOPA. Orders come in sorted. On-line orders are shipped directly to the customer.

Program Ads: Ads are for the program at the winter and spring concerts. One of the biggest fund raisers, resulting in about 50% credit for the student, depends on how many ads are sold. Premium ads sold on first come, first served basis are very high value. Ads are in various sizes. Ad rules: no alcohol, must be appropriate, no religious or political organizations. All ad copy will be reviewed for approval. Make sure the student's name is on the ad order form. As always, checks payable to NAOPA.

Pie Shoppe pie sale: The vendor is the Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown, PA. A variety of fruit and cream pies and pumpkin rolls, delivered fresh on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Selling for \$9 each, student profit depends on number of pies sold. Last year the credit was \$2.25, but is usually closer to \$2.10. Help will be needed on delivery morning to get the product sorted and distributed, out of the NASH cafeteria. There will be lots of info, a product list, order form. As usual, please pay with a single check to NAOPA.

Prestogeorge Coffee and Tea sale: A variety of coffees (ground and bean, decaf and regular), teas and biscotti. Student credit is 50%. Pickup is the Saturday before Thanksgiving, same as the pie sale. This sale happens a second time, in January, along with the pierogi sale.

Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck pierogi sale: A variety of pierogi styles, sold in packages of 10 or 12, depending on the style. Last year they sold for \$9 per package, with a student credit of 45-50%,

depending on the number of units sold. Pickup will be in the middle of February. The pierogi are delivered frozen to the NASH cafeteria. As with the pie sale, help will be needed on delivery morning to get the product sorted and distributed.

50/50 sale: Each year we sell 50/50 tickets at our winter and spring concerts. Proceeds do not support any individual students, but rather help to support NAOPA's charitable activities. We will need volunteers to help with the sale.

Old Business

None

New Business

Remind App – Mrs. Lavelle, Orchestra Director, uses Remind to communicate with students, and parents are invited to listen in. With a smartphone, use your browser to navigate to rmd.at/nash199 and follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You will be prompted to download the mobile app. For text notifications, text the message "@nash199" (without the quotes) to 81010. You will begin receiving the same notifications that the students receive, such as reminders about strolling events.

We received a brief presentation from special guest Tom Kurlander, a musician and filmmaker, who is making the documentary film 21Voices: Touched by Alzheimer's. As the brain of the Alzheimer's patient deteriorates, the appreciation for music is one of the last faculties to be lost. For this reason, 21Voices presents A Rock Symphony, a multimedia concert event by Tom and conductor Kyle Simpson, to raise funds to support the documentary film project. The concert will be held at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School on November 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$45 for adults. All proceeds benefit 21Voices and the production of the documentary film. For more information, visit 21Voices.org

Orchestra Director's Report - Roger Whisler, Orchestra Director

Toronto is the destination for the spring orchestra trip this year. The current plan is to leave on Thursday, March 30, 2017, staying over-night at Niagara Falls. While still in the planning stages and not yet approved by the school board, some highlights may include a workshop at U. Toronto, attending a concert by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and a trip to Chinatown. Students would return on Monday, April 3, 2017. Because Friday, March 31 is an in-service day, students would miss only one day of school. Total cost of the trip is expected to be in the area of \$800. More information will follow when plans firm up and the trip is approved. Note that because the destination is outside of the US, chaperones need passports, kids only need birth certificates.

Closing Announcements

The initial schedule of strolling events was posted on the blackboard, with the full schedule available on the NAOPA calendar on the web site. Freshmen are exempt from strolling until December to allow them the opportunity to learn the music. Otherwise, attendance at Strolling events is required. The first four events are as follows:

Group A – Oct. 17, 6:45 – 9:00 PM

Group B – Nov. 6, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Group C – Nov. 12, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Group D – Dec. 2, 7:30 – 10:00 PM

One of our senior orchestra students, Lauren Rogus, is organizing a group of upperclassmen to help the Freshmen learn the strolling music. She is seeking volunteers to stay after school on Thursdays in October at NAI. It would be nice to have some volunteers from each section. Signup sheets are on the blackboard. She is doing this for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Our next meeting is Monday, Oct. 17, 2016 at 7:00pm in the NASH Orchestra room, S199. Please join us, and encourage others to attend.

Dismiss

With our business completed, a motion to dismiss was offered and the meeting was adjourned by Lee-Hannah Allen, NAOPA President.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh Hughes, NAOPA Secretary

NAOPA Fundraiser Plan 2016/17

Volunteer	2016/17 Coordinator	2016/17 Dates	2016/17 Pick up	Location Contact	2017/2018 Coordinator
Activity					
Giant Eagle Gift Cards	Sue Longo/Heather Rogus	First 2 weeks of each month	NASH Office, NAOPA meeting, other pick ups	slong09@comcast.net hrogus@pinerichland.org	
Flowers/Bulbs	Sara Hammel	9/23-10/7	Mailed to Buyers	flowerpower.com	
Mixed Bags Designs	Laureen Alt	10/7-10/21	Saturday 12/3 9am-1pm	www.mixedbags.com marcidwyer@mixedbags.com	
Program Ads	Karen Connor	10/21-11/4	N/A	karenc@zoominternet.net	
Pie Shoppe Pies	Kerri Acierno	10/21-11/4	Saturday 11/19 9am-1pm	Donna Hughes (724)238-9536 www.pieshoppe.com	
Presto George Coffee	Randy Dauer	10/21-11/4	Saturday 11/19 9am-1pm	Nicole Murphy (412)471-0133	
Pierogis	Kathy and Hugh Hughes	1/13-1/27	Saturday 2/18 NASH	Lynn Szarnicki lynne@polispierogie.com	
50/50	Theresa Smith			tresmith.tresmith@gmail.com	
Chaperone Coordinator	Heidi Coltin			heidi.coltin@spurion.com	
Uniform Coordinator	Cheri Mozeyko			jmozeyko@hotmail.com	
Senior Banquet					