

North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Meeting November 16, 2017

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

Approval of Minutes- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without modification.

Treasurers Report – Valerie Welsh, NAOPA Treasurer

Current balance is \$63,273.93. We have done well with fund raisers to date allowing us to provide funds for new carpet in the music office. A full detailed report can be found on the NAOPA Website (naorchestra.org).

Committee Reports –

Chaperone Coordinator – We continue to 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 Lorraine Ozybok, or the Central Administration Office to see if your clearances are up to date. Information on obtaining clearances is available on the district website.

Fundraiser Coordinator Update – 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. 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 turned in to the orchestra teachers or mailed directly to Sue Longo, whose address is on the order form. Five percent of purchases are credited to the student against the spring trip. Gift cards are available in two week cycles with next cycle ending 11/30/17.

Flower and Bulb sale: Sale completed.

Mixed Bag Designs: Sale completed.

Program Ads: Program ads are done with 45-50% of going to the students depending on final cost of the program. 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 the number of pies sold. Last year the credit was \$2.25, but is usually closer to @2.10. Help will be needed on the delivery morning to get the product sorted and distributed out of the NASH cafeteria. There will be lots of info, a product list, and order form. As usual, pay with a single check to NAOPA. Pick-up is 9-11am on Saturday 11/18/17.

Prestige 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 is from 10/20 to 11/3 and it happens a second time, in January (1/12 – 1/26), along with the pierogi sale. Pick-up is 9-11am on Saturday 11/18/17.

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 \$8 per package, with a student credit of \$3.00-\$3.50 per package, depending on the number of units sold. Pickup will be in mid-February. The pierogi's 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. The next sale is scheduled for January 12th-26th and a minimum of 75 packages needs to be ordered.

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.

Senior Banquet – Open to all graduating seniors and their families. The banquet will be in May. Time, date, and location TBD.

Old Business

New Business

There are three events in December that require additional volunteers or chaperones. (1) For the concert on December 4th five volunteers are needed for the 50/50 ticket sales (contact Theresa Smith if willing to help at tresmith.tresmith@gmail.com. Also five volunteers are needed to pass out programs and manage the entrance. They need to be there by 6pm and will be seated before the

concert starts with their seats reserved. (2) The December 3rd strolling event (Group D) at 1:15pm needs three chaperones. (3) The December 6th strolling event (Group A) at 6:30pm needs three chaperones.

Orchestra Director's Report – Sarah Lavelle, Director

Pitt orchestra try-outs are scheduled for Little Mermaid for 12/11. This year's Spring Trip will be to Myrtle Beach, SC. All information, including itinerary, projected cost, and payment timeline are available on naorchestra.org. The buses will depart Tuesday, May 1st, and return to NASH on Sunday, May 6th. The orchestra will be staying at a "condo style" resort with three pools and a lazy river. Six to eight students can room together. We currently have committed 170 students and 8 chaperones. We still need additional Trip Nurse (the trip is free for the trip nurses). PMEA festival is this week at Bethel Park HS (Sat/Sun November 18th and 19th). PMEA details are on the web site.

Closing Announcements

Lee-Hannah reminded those present that the NAOPA needs active volunteers, especially to take over positions that will become open due to parents of 2018 graduates no longer being in office or as coordinators. If you are interested in learning more, please contact one of the members of NAOPA. Please check your emails and the naorchestra.org website for chaperone opportunities, as well.

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on January 18th in the Orchestra Room at NASH.

Dismiss

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Connor, NAOPA Secretary