

Orchestra Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

PRESENT: Amy Bade, Will Burck, Robin Chimniak, Jeanne Cordes, Helen Damore, Lisa Gruman, Tracy Nash, Claudia Schmidt, Daryl Silberman

1. Meeting called to order by Nancy Vickers, 7:32 p.m.
 - a. Reviewed past meeting minutes of 3/3/15
 - b. Will Burck made motion to approve minutes
 - c. Claudia Schmidt seconded the motion
 - d. Vote taken and passed unanimously
3. Directors' reports
 - a. Italy Trip - Will Burck
 - i. Awesome trip
 - ii. Directors debriefed by Mr. Bibbs, administrator, after trip
 - iii. Previous trips passed on their knowledge and experience traveling with students out of the country
 - iv. Shared medical form information
 - v. Scanning of passports before leaving U.S. rather than students responsible for carrying copies
 - vi. Importance of sharing this information among all organizations, since music organizations at WVHS take international trips once every four years
 - vii. Kudos to Daryl Silberman creating interaction among students prior to trip
 - viii. Weather was good
 - ix. Amy Bade, who shadowed the group in Italy, was asked to put her experiences in writing for future parents
 - x. Other parents that shadowed will be asked for written comments of their experiences
 - xi. Chaperones were complimented on being available for the group, not just their own students, throughout the entire trip
 - b. Daryl Silberman
 - i. Chaperones kept track if students were interacting
 - ii. Students were moved among the group for good interaction
 - iii. Chellists didn't get to play every piece due to shortage of instruments
 - iv. Kudos to the chaperones for excellent job
 - v. Discussion of airline restrictions limiting some students from carrying violins on board on outbound flight, in spite of room available in overhead bins
 - vi. Suggested In the future violins should go first
 - vii. Suggested students with their own instruments get priority
 - viii. Bob Rogers had secured okay for carry-ons ahead of time
 - ix. Airline changed the rules at the last minute, being cautious due to previous week's crash in the Alps
 - c. Final costs
 - i. Comments were made regarding trip was one day shorter than original presentation

- ii. Questioned is final trip cost the same as Bob Rogers originally announced
 - iii. Comments regarding Euro dropping 20% between presentation and tickets purchased
 - iv. Entire group using one bus saved money, causing a reimbursement
 - v. OPA to receive a check from Bob Rogers for bus reimbursement from school district Prior trips have experienced shortages, requiring additional contributions after the trip
- d. Summary
 - i. Nancy Vickers commented on great presentation by everyone on the trip
 - ii. Claudia Schmidt commented uniformity of dress was wonderful
 - iii. Very positive feedback regarding trip, student behavior
 - iv. Tracy Nash commented overall trip was awesome
 - v. Claudia Schmidt complimented the directors
 - vi. End of this year/beginning of next year discussion will commence on destination of domestic trip in two years
- 4. Orchestra pops – 5/19/15
 - a. Daryl Silberman addressed if there will be reception post-concert
 - b. Discussion concluded no reception to take place
 - c. Music has been ordered/rented
 - d. Slide show presentation during concert
 - e. Special performance by chamber strings and symphonic strings, to play an original score for Alfred Hitchcock movie “Psycho,” in keeping with the theme of the show
 - f. Nancy Vickers suggested a movie night to watch the movie
 - g. Will Burck suggested the movie “Hitchcock” and explained the history of Alfred Hitchcock and how Psycho was made
 - h. Psycho score is challenging for the orchestras
- 5. Banquet
 - a. Helen Damore previewed invitation created for this year’s banquet
 - b. Daryl Silberman addressed possibilities of sending each invitation as compared to e-vites
 - c. Jeanne Cordes addressed printing invites and hand delivering to seniors, e-vites to everyone else
 - d. Daryl Silberman suggested tying the payment for banquet to the e-vite
 - e. Discussion was had regarding past process
 - f. Will Burck recalled OPA mailed invites last year, school mail was used year before.
 - g. Will Burck expressed concern for people missing the e-vites
 - h. Helen Damore suggested hand delivering all invites to students
 - i. Consensus was too many invites would not find their way home
 - j. Discussion and decision was to mail award letters and invitations
 - k. Any forms needed to be filled out regarding the banquet could be done as a Google doc
 - l. Students getting an award will receive a letter making them aware of award, as in the past
 - m. Lisa Gruman suggested invites be sent out beginning of May
 - n. Will Burck addressed that invitations can be ready for sending May 1, and directed letters for awards can go later

- o. Pricing for banquet same as last year
 - p. Menu same as last year
 - q. Decorating will take place the day of banquet
 - r. Extra decorations are in storage from last year and prior events
 - s. There is also a line item on budget for decorations
 - t. No money advanced to secure room yet
 - u. \$200 line item in budget designated for room
6. Fine Arts Festival
- a. 5/16/15
 - b. Tri-M handles all set-up and tear-down
7. Nominating committee – Tracy Nash
- a. Tracy recommended slate for 2015-2016
 - i. Co-presidents, Claudia Schmidt and Nancy Vickers
 - ii. Vice president, Amy Bade
 - iii. Treasurer, Kelly Brewer
 - iv. Secretary, Helen Damore
 - v. Tracy suggested officers be voted on at next OPA meeting, 5/5/15
 - vi. Nominations will be posted on the web site
 - b. Will Burck made a motion to vote on 5/5/15
 - c. Jeanne Cordes seconded the motion
 - d. Vote taken and passed unanimously
8. Treasurer’s report – Lisa Gruman
- a. \$15,734.82 in account
 - b. Approximately \$700 to be reimbursed for use of only one bus on Europe trip
9. Student exec
- a. Will Burck reported on behalf of Student Exec
 - b. Members have recently spent time filing music and cleaning up orchestra room
10. Old Business
- a. Chocolate bar sale
 - i. 20 full boxes of chocolate bars still left
 - ii. Suggestion to sell at Fine Arts Festival
 - iii. Suggestion students take bars, sell, then pay, rather than paying upon first
 - iv. Suggestion to fire sale chocolate with a portion of the donation going to student’s account
 - v. Suggestion to fire sale at \$20 a box for 35 bars
 - vi. Nancy Vickers made a motion to fire sale at \$20 per box
 - vii. Tracy Nash seconded the motion
 - viii. Vote taken and passed unanimously
 - ix. Daryl Silberman will send e-mail announcing fire sale
 - b. T-shirts (Dated 2014-2015)
 - i. 33 left
 - ii. Claudia Schmidt asked how to proceed with leftover T-shirts
 - iii. Daryl Silberman suggested contacting senior parents for interest in creating memory pillows for their students

- iv. OPA made \$600 on T-shirts, paid \$462, for profit of \$138
 - v. Suggestion to make T-shirts part of fire sale, chocolate bar and t-shirt for \$5
 - vi. Suggestion to fire sale t-shirts for \$5
 - vii. Give leftovers to seniors at banquet or donate to charity
 - viii. Nancy Vickers made a motion to fire sale for \$5
 - ix. Jeanne Cordes seconded the motion
 - x. Vote taken and passed unanimously
- c. Shutterfly account
- i. Claudia Schmidt explored allowing students that went to Italy to be added to account to post pictures, exchange pictures
 - ii. Limited time period
 - iii. Pictures will need to be reviewed prior to posting and sharing
 - iv. Daryl Silberman suggested kids have already shared
 - v. Tracy Nash agreed, sharing occurred during trip
 - vi. Will Burck suggested load Bob Rogers collection of pictures to Shutterfly
 - vii. Nancy suggested parents have availability to load pictures on Shutterfly
 - viii. Daryl Silberman suggested chaperones load pictures to Shutterfly account
 - ix. Will Burck inquired about pictures of performances
 - x. Claudia Schmidt commented videos of performances are good, pictures are not
 - xi. Tracy Nash agreed, due to lighting
- d. Recognition for Josh Iyer's composition performed by Symphonic Strings revisited
- i. Will Burck commented he will be recognized at banquet with patch for All State
 - ii. Another composition, "Into the Forest, " was performed at concert on 3/10/15 by Symphonic Strings
 - iii. Comparison made to senior concerto, where performance at a concert is the recognition
- e. Orchestra Decals
- i. Suggestion we talk about a fan back at beginning of next year
 - ii. Suggestion we vote at next meeting
 - iii. Suggestion we go through boosters to match existing decals
 - iv. We create a set number of fan packs
 - v. Suggestion rather than fan pack, individual pieces, apparel, water bottles, etc.
 - vi. Get ideas ready end of 2015 school year to be implemented at end of summer for first week of school

11. New Business

- a. Daryl Silberman would like requirement of matching shirts for Warrior Strings
- b. Lisa Gruman pointed out pep band requires purchase of a shirt
- c. Suggestion to bring proposal to next meeting for vote

12. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

- a. Motion made by Nancy Vickers
- b. Motion seconded by Will Burck
- c. Vote taken and passed unanimously