

OPA Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2018

In attendance: Daryl Silberman, Will Burck, Tracy Reese-Nash, Helen Damore, Claudia Schmidt, Patti Campbell, Heather Price, Amy Bade, Carolyn Schur

Heather calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Director's Report – The Meet the Artist concert will be very cool. The freshman made up an invitation for their parents. Dr. Beyer came to work with the students. They really enjoyed it. On Friday, he will be at all the classes so the students can ask him questions. Pizza will be offered for the students on the 17th. Freshman orientation is changing a little bit. It will be held in the Field House on the 17th. Orchestra will have a booth there for OPA. Auditions for 8th grade will be held on January 30 and 31. OPA will pay for the judges' fees. Solo and ensemble sign ups were a success. There are 80 soloists signed up. Tri M takes care of everything except for hospitality which will be run by an adult. It will be held on February 24. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the judges.

Approval of Minutes for December 2017 – Claudia makes a motion to approve the minutes and Patti seconds the motion.

Treasurer's Report – An amount of \$738 went into student accounts for the Play-A-Thon. We are \$57 over what we budgeted for Prism.

President's Report – A Fine Arts chairperson is still needed.

Committee Updates – Should we do Puffins or Design A Tea together for a Spring fundraiser? Should we combine Design A Tea with a WV mug from discountmugs.com? We decided on Design A Tea with a WV mug. Pizza will be delivered at 11:30 a.m. for 55 students for Meet the Artist.

Old Business - Flags were ordered today by Will. Amy is checking on the banners for the stage.

New Business – International trip is being discussed for 2019 – Wales, Ireland, Liverpool and London. Daryl has two scholarship requests for OPA. One family is finishing citizenship of an advanced freshman student and can't afford private lessons. Can we do a half scholarship for her for lessons? Another freshman student said her parents want her to quit her instrument because they can't afford the rent. OPA agreed to pay for the scholarships. Three students made it in to ILMEA. The department is bringing in 22 students total to ILMEA. Daryl is presenting a workshop there in Peoria.

Claudia makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tracy seconds the motion.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 13.