

Orchestra Parents Association Meeting

November 2, 2021

Call to order by Amy Bade, 7:10 (with CANDY)

Attendance: Amy Bade, Shawnita Tyus, Elias Guerrero, Daryl Silberman, Mary Elliott, Tara Martin

Director's report - Daryl Silberman, Shawnita Tyus

Fall Concert Recaps-- Went Great! Masks were lovely. Good time with the middle schools-- good connections made.

- Would like to have 8th grade see Warrior Strings
- Next fall may look different, more like what band does this fall.

Prism preliminary updates--

- Concerts are happening.
- Full capacity for audience. AB capacity for orchestra is still up in the air. Will know more tomorrow, Nov 3

Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner--New date Jan 13, 7pm, cafeteria

- Amy needs co-chair. Will then ask for parent helpers: get food, goodie bags, decorations, etc
- Theme is Dance Dance Dance

Burck Instrument applications- Students have the instruments and is working well

Swag store is open.

Approval of Minutes - Mary

Minutes of October 5, 2021: review & approve
Amy move; Elias/Tara

Treasurer's Report - Elias

Financial Updates - See report for details

- Lots of activity in October
- Apparel invoice paid
- Mask reimbursement
- Service charge will be investigated by Elias
- Mattress fundraiser: \$764.40 to OPA. Seems oddly high. Elias and Daryl will look into it
- Elias and Daryl need to go to the bank to add Daryl as a permanent member taking the place of William Burck. See May minutes for motion re name switch. Will go to 95th and 59 PNC branch
It is possible to get a Debit card in the name of the treasurer for the future in order to make deposits easier. Daryl and Elias will work out when to make the change.

Deposits or reimbursement requests--Nothing to report

OPA President's Report

Committee Chairs:

Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner: See above

Prism Concerts-co-chair/shadow: Amy would like one new parent to shadow behind the scenes with the idea that they take over next year.

- Ticket email go out soon. 2 days after that, the email asking for volunteers will be sent: extra rooms mean extra volunteers--up to 20 people.
- Daryl and Amy need to discuss the week of Prism activities. Parent help on Wed? Will check with Eva TK also to confirm schedule.

- Need to go thru bins Nov 9, 3rd period with Amy, Daryl, and Mary will sort Prism bins Nov 9, 3rd period

Scholarships-- letters are ready to go. Student need to write acceptance essays.

- 10 students have been offered a full ride. MR. Duker will cut the check. Teachers will give an update on students' progress in Jan. An invoice to the Burck fund will be attributed 3 times year.
- OPA scholarship: \$1200. The money will be used for new students: Take 6 lessons thru Nov-Dec, get \$20 for your teacher for each month. Students need to go to 4 lessons for the month to be eligible.
- Lots of ideas were kicked around for current and new students: Reimbursement vs direct pay to teacher. What is the mission: wider, more students? Lottery system: write an essay to get full 6 weeks of free lessons, or new case, or strings, or...? Dole out money as needed in amounts as needed? Search history 2 years ago to see what happened. Perhaps take survey to find more info
- Discuss more next meeting.

Year end (Spring/Summer) scholarship from MEAC/Duker will not be for seniors

Committee Updates

Fundraising - Amy - Little Pops Pizzeria - Nov 4 at New York St location

Prism - Amy - See above

Old Business

MEAC scholarship funds - \$1200.00 received from MEAC for 20-21 scholarships

New Business

Next mtg , January 11, 7pm

Adjourn: 8:20