

OPA Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2017

In attendance: Carolyn Schur, Amy Bade, Maria Escandon, Claudia Schmidt, Tracie Schmitt, Patti Campbell, Helen Damore, Will Burck and Daryl Silberman

Amy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Director's Reports - Will showed us videos of Joe Deninzon's visit on October 20. Fall concerts were very successful and a lot of fun. Lionel Hampton Big Band had a concert of 170 kids. ILMEA had a fantastic conductor and the kids were great. Right after Prism, the kids will find out who made ILMEA. Twice in December the Meet the Artist guest, Greg Beyer, will be here prior to the Meet the Artist concert in January. The parent/teacher conferences were awesome. Each student has a portfolio which also includes little videos and their goals for the year that were presented at parent/teacher conferences. Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner was a success with a record crowd. There were 180 guests plus 77 performers. Wentz Hall Varsity Concert will not be at Wentz Hall when the date says it will be. It is currently set for March 6.

Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2017 meeting – Claudia makes a motion to approve and Will seconds the motion.

Treasurer's Report – Students will get \$723.75 for the Play-a-Thon. A check for \$800 went to Joe Deninzon. Our balance is \$11,412 as of October 31.

President's Report – We are looking for a fine arts chair and Prism volunteers. Prism after party is Monday, December 4 and we are looking for someone to help Claudia.

Fundraising Report – We got 33 students for a total of \$3,419 in popcorn sales. The popcorn company will get half of the sales.

Hospitality – Tracie said it went great for the fall concerts. The coffee did not go as well as the water. There were four cases of water that went fast. There was only \$53 spent.

Apparel – There were 36 items sold at the middle school. There were forms put out at the November concerts. The kids love the apparel.

Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner – Claudia said it was very successful. Claudia organized the cabinets of supplies in the orchestra room and used the decorations that were already in the cabinet. The food was great. Halogen lights were used for indirect lighting for the students.

No old business.

New business – Mr. Burck would like flags for Italy, Hungary, Austria and Czech Republic. They are 3 x 5 flags from the past orchestra international trips. Mr. Burck asked permission for OPA to purchase the flags. Tracie made the motion and Amy seconds the motion. Amy suggested buying banners for the stage when there are concerts since we have excess money in our budget.

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

Next OPA meeting will be December 5, 2017.