

OPA Meeting Notes for February 9, 2016

Matthew Pakkebier and another scout will be working on the shelves and countertops for the orchestra room. He is working on his Eagle Scout.

There will be two tables on wheels. Materials will be fundraised and donated by Matthew. The rough cost for the project is \$1,200.

Orchestra auditions were held and it went very smoothly. It was a great evening. The results will be posted shortly because we also need to wait for results from the feeder schools per Will.

Will has no idea what is going on with Prism redecoration. There will be a meeting regarding prism redecoration tomorrow which Claudia will attend.

Scholarships for Blue Lake auditions are being held now. Those students who auditioned prior for Blue Lake do not have to audition. John Heath is the representative for Blue Lake in the Chicago area. Scholarships come from Blue Lake.

March 5 is the Play-A-Thon for 8 hours. We need to get the word out for parent help. Our next OPA meeting will need to be on February 29. The February 29 meeting was motioned and approved. Music scholarship funds are coming from MEAC.

There were three guest artists that we paid out of MEAC for orchestra. We haven't spent hardly any money at all for orchestra. \$2,500 total and \$2,300 was from the chimney and was split between B/C/O. Some MEAC money goes for concert recordings, for stage equipment, etc. Maybe Mr. Duker should explain what MEAC means on future forms.

Two senior awards senior essay and \$500 for that. Will recommends from \$500 to National School Orchestra to \$250. More of a departmental award should be \$250. The class awards with essays is four questions for each grade level and an activity form. This is not a valid way to give scholarship money. Will feels like we give good awards at the banquet for each grade level. Most dedicated and most improved will get a monetary amount that will go into their student account. Senior awards will be harder to figure out what to do. What if for seniors we didn't have an essay and instead have their final be about how orchestra has worked for them for all of their years. No class award and just a senior award? Give envelopes at the end of the orchestra banquet per Lisa Gruman. Will and Daryl's recommendation is for 3 kids to have \$90 summer music scholarships only good for that summer. We should be spending our MEAC money on kids that can't afford private lessons per Will. The directors have to identify those kids and make those decisions so that the kids can have their lessons and that money will come out of MEAC. The directors have to communicate with the private lesson teacher. Summer music camp scholarships last year was two kids for \$200 for away camps.

Will thinks we should pay for the first semester of lessons for the scholarship student's private lesson teacher. The total amount for this teacher is \$212.50 at half tuition. We should have proof that the student is taking lessons now and we should have a receipt from the teacher in case we get audited. Also, there are two other students per Will that are in need of private lessons. Kelly made a motion to approve paying the private lesson teacher and to receive paperwork. Lisa seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Next year's group of scholarship students for private lessons will probably come from MEAC.

1. The recommendation from \$500 to \$250 National Orchestra Award was motioned and approved.
2. Senior essay only award – did not talk about how many or amount. Five students and \$50 each was motioned and approved. The essay requirements are to be determined.
3. Ninth grade awards – three students at \$90.
4. Private lessons – We have approved that the current student will be paid for last semester and this semester out of OPA money. MEAC will be first and OPA will be second payer.
5. Summer music recipients will remain anonymous.

Motion to approve as discussed. We are all in favor.

Next year's board nominations will have to be put together.

Kelly's financials – reimbursed Joy for \$411 for two nights for orchestra concerts. Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner was paid out to Wendy and Michelle. We are \$8 ahead. We got \$100 bonus for extra pasta sales for selling over \$5,000. We spent \$500 for audition judges and dinner.

Amy's fundraising – Pasta online sales was \$208.4 and we also received \$100 bonus for having over \$5,000 in sales. Puffin fundraiser not do so well. We did not make quota so we have to pay for delivery. Start looking for pasta fundraiser for May instead of August.

Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 18.

Orchestra pops concert is Tuesday, May

Fine Arts Festival is Saturday

Student Exec Update – have not met.

We are meeting to put OPA meeting minutes online.

Next OPA meeting is Monday, February 29, 2016.