

## OPA General Meeting

2018-09-04

Attendees: Elias Guerrero, Rogelia Huizar, Bridget Bizon, Lisa Gruman, Anu Desai, Patti Campbell, Tracie Schmitt, Archana Kylas, Maria Escandon, Jose Gonzalez, Amy Bade, Will Burck, Daryl Silberman

Called to order at 6:07 PM

### **Directors' report: Will Burck, Daryl Silberman**

Summer orchestra: went great! There were about 30 students in each group, middle and high school.

Goals for OPA assistance: purchase flags for the room to commemorate Ireland trip, and a UN flag which was supposed to come last year but never arrived. Would like to add artwork to the orchestra room.

Ireland trip update: The dates are set based on the last emergency day on the district calendar as we can't leave before that date. Departure will be the Friday afternoon of the fifth emergency day. The trip is 10 days and 9 nights. Rehearsals will be held the week before. So far around 40-45 students. A total of around 70 when including parents/families for two bus loads. We might be able to add more.

Note that any OPA sponsored fundraisers held will be available for all orchestra students, not just Ireland trip participants. Funds in student accounts can be used for any music related items: lessons, instrument, strings, music, etc. Funds roll over to the next year. Seniors can use it up or donate to scholarship fund at end of year. Need input from parents on interest in content of fundraisers.

Interested in doing some corporate fundraising specifically for the Ireland trip to help offset the cost for all. This will be discussed in more detail with trip families.

Pippa dresses: These are worn by the ladies of Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Strings. Girls who need to order dresses will be fitted on 9/10. Alumni parent Claudia Schmidt, has volunteered to come take measurements. Deadline for free shipping on the order is 9/21. Dresses are \$58 each, paid by the student. Claudia is offering to hem dresses for \$15 each, also payable by the student.

Classroom activities: Getting to know each other via "All About Me" videos and surveys. Fight song Fridays. A viola professor from the University of Illinois will be visiting Chamber Strings and Chamber Orchestra soon.

**Approval of minutes** postponed so we can have copy available. Will review May and September minutes in October.

**Treasurer's report** - treasurer was unavailable so report is postponed to next month.  
Current general fund balance is approximately \$10,000  
Student account fund has about \$4,430

We received an unexpected insurance bill. The fraud protection policy used to be a 3 year policy covering up to \$25,000, which was sufficient for what we normally have in the account. Now they will not insure for less than \$100,000, which costs \$400/year. We would like to look into a different policy/insurance company. Policy expires this month. Tracie Schmitt will look into other quotes.

**President's report:** Meeting schedule for the year is set and will be posted on the website. Meetings will be held at 6 pm this year. No meeting in December. All meetings are on Tuesdays except for one Monday in March due to the busy MIOSM concert schedule.

Committee help needed! Amy provided a list of committees needing help (see attached). Immediate need for help at the play-a-thon on September 15, setting up and serving food and drinks for the kids participating.

Form to sign up to help with committees will be available curriculum night.

**Committees:**

**Apparel:** Finalizing designs, forms will be available soon.

**Fundraising:**

*Update from last year:*

Nothing Bundt Cakes sold at the Pops concert generated \$329 profit. This is lower than last year. Pre-orders have a higher profit to OPA than cakes sold at the concert so we need to encourage pre-orders if we do this again.

Design-a-Tea from last year - anyone can still order, it is open through December.

*New this year:*

**Mattress Sale:** The past two years this has been a band fundraiser. This year it is for the entire music department (band, choir and orchestra). The sale is held here at WV on September 15, (same day as the play-a-thon) The music department goal is \$10K of sales. Students with referrals get \$25 into their student account for the first two and the amount scales up. Kids will hear about it in class tomorrow. There is a parent meeting at 6:15 on curriculum night. The department will receive \$5 for every parent that comes (up to 100 parents). Note that this conflicts with the Naviance presentation.

*Under consideration for this year:*

Lollipops: Ozark Delight, Would let the kids earn the profit, no split with OPA

Open to other fundraisers!!! Need to start something by October.

Play-a-thon - September 15. Students ask for donations/sponsorships then come and make music for 3 hours. There are 6 hours total. Last year volunteers brought in donuts, bagels, water and pizza. Need volunteers!

**New business:**

A suggestion was made to consider changing scholarship eligibility and/or payment method for summer camp in an effort to make sure the benefit comes back to the program. Agreed that this should be a topic of discussion for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Daryl Silberman, Will Burck seconded. Adjourned at 7:06 pm

**Orchestra Parents Association**  
**Standing Committees**  
**2018-2019**

**Fundraising Committees:**

- Apparel - FILLED - Create, order and distribute orchestra spirit wear
- Spring/Fall Fundraisers - Research and coordinate our student and OPA fundraisers. These fundraisers primarily help students raise funds for their student accounts to help defray the cost of lessons, instrument purchase/repair and trips. The OPA also raises funds to enhance our orchestra programs at WVHS
- Fine Arts Festival Concessions - (May 18) Work with the band and chorus parents to provide concessions and volunteers for the Fine Arts Festival

**General Committees:**

- PIPPA Concert Dresses - FILLED - Measure and order PIPPA dresses for CHO and CHS students
- Play-A-Thon - (September 15) Order breakfast and lunch and serve items during Play-A-Thon
- Hospitality - Provide refreshments following certain concerts. Duties would include gathering volunteers, collecting donated treats, shop for drinks and cookies, set up and clean up
- ILMEA Breakfast - (November 3) - Order bagels, purchase water bottles and distribute to students prior to departure for the ILMEA District 9 Festival in Elgin
- Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner - (November 12) - Order dessert items to be distributed at check-in of dinner, set up, serve and clean up
- Prism Concerts - Coordinates orchestra program needs for the Prism concerts. Every 4 years we oversee the concert. Many parent volunteers are needed for ticket sales, homeroom chaperones, chimney ringers and CD sales.
- Post Concert Parties - Order and serve bagel or pizza parties to orchestra classes after Prism and Meet the Artist concerts. Must be available during the school day
- Scholarships - Evaluate student essay submissions for scholarship applications
- Orchestra Awards Banquet - (May 19) Plan and oversee the banquet held at Eola Community Center
- Orchestra Awards - FILLED - Compiles student participation points with our orchestra directors. Purchase and organize awards to be presented at the May orchestra banquet