

OPA General Meeting

2019-09-04

Attendees: Lisa Gruman, Amy Bade, Will Burck, Elias Guerrero, Patti Campbell, Heather Price, Tracie Schmitt, Daryl Silberman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Directors' report: Daryl and Will

- Summer music - lots of fun, good number of Middle Schoolers, not many High Schoolers, late summer is better for the middle school, conflict with marching band and sports for some in high school
- Purchases for this year: artwork on walls, four plastic sheets printed by art department, \$650 for all four, applied for a \$500 grant, timeframe to produce is about 1 month, then would put in a work order for the school to install. Need to wait for update on grant.
- Ireland trip - awesome, good mix and pace of activities, everyone enjoyed it
- Pippa dresses for chamber ensembles - measuring has been done, coming in on Friday, fees are \$58 for dress plus \$10 if taking advantage of hemming offer. Heather will handle expenses and ask for reimbursement. Families should write checks to OPA. Girls should wear their dress shoes to measure for the hem on Friday.
- Also need tux money from boys, will pass checks through OPA for processing
- Chamber strings performance at IMEC in Peoria is on Friday 1/31. The bus is leaving at 6:30 AM. Students will watch WV Wind Ensemble performance, then go to lunch, warm up at 2, perform at 4:15, followed by dinner in Peoria, and arrival back home around 11 PM. A coach bus has been reserved for an \$1800 fee. District might pay for what a yellow bus would have cost (~\$1200), though there is a risk of not getting reimbursed by district. Brochure to provide for IMEC audience is needed, thinking simple but some get very fancy. Printing cost could be around \$1000. Would like to solicit discounted or donated time by a graphic designer. A professional photo of chamber strings will be taken by Kim Cancio (band/choir parent) sometime in the next two weeks, due Oct 1 to IMEC.
- Lisa Gruman moved to approve funds to cover the difference between the cost of a yellow bus and a coach bus. Tracy Schmitt seconded.

Approval of minutes

Meeting minutes from May 7, 2019, were reviewed. Will Burck moved to approve, Elias Guerrero seconded.

Treasurer's report, Elias Guerrero:

- \$12,558.76 in the account
- A couple of checks have not been cashed by their recipients, graduated seniors
- Audit was successfully completed
- Budget - Elias had some questions about the process. He will present a proposed budget at the next meeting

President's report, Heather Price:

- Meeting schedule was finalized. Generally, meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7 pm
 - October 8, 2019
 - November 19, 2019
 - December - no meeting scheduled
 - January 14, 2020
 - February 11, 2020
 - March 3, 2020
 - April 7, 2020
 - May 5, 2020
- Committee chairs needed
 - Play-a-thon: Tracie volunteered manage the lunch, Heather will manage the breakfast
 - Hospitality: Tracie will chair hospitality
 - ILMEA breakfast: Heather will contact Amy Wang to see if she will do it again
 - Prism: Amy Bade will chair Prism this year, orchestra is "in charge" this year as this is a two-year assignment. Someone from whichever division is next will shadow her in order to take it over the following year
 - Apparel: Amy will chair apparel
 - Fundraising: open
 - Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner: open
 - Scholarships: open
 - Banquet: open
 - Awards: Lisa Gruman will chair awards

Committee reports:

- Fundraising: Bundlets at the Pops concert: we pre-sold 143, sold 345 total, profit of \$424.51
- Apparel: Amy will set up new design to run this month, to deliver by October

Old business:

- Signed revised by-laws to make them official

New business:

- St. Olaf orchestra concert with Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Strings, will be Sunday, October 13
- MEAC contributions are way down, primarily due to school registration being electronic now. Awards and concert recordings are funded by this source and we may have to cut back if the pace doesn't pick up. Need ideas on new ways to reach donors.
- A brochure of OPA is needed for curriculum night. Heather will update the copy located on the Google Drive for Daryl and Will to print for tomorrow night.

Motion to adjourn made by Amy Bade and seconded by Patti Campbell.
Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next meeting: October 8th, 7 pm