

OPA Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2017

Claudia calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A student could not pay the accompanist for solo and ensemble. OPA agreed to pay it out of the scholarship or miscellaneous line item. We cannot write a check because Carolyn was not in attendance. Lisa Gruman wanted to give money to Carolyn for the awards patches but Carolyn was not in attendance. Paul motions to pay the accompanist the \$45 and Claudia seconds the motion. Will thinks the accompanist was Nancy Tabb.

Director's Report - Will talked about the summer camp scholarships. We have the check from MEAC but now have to figure out the deadline. The scholarships will be given out at the Orchestra Banquet. On February 20th, Dr. Chattel from Augustana came to do the organizational festival. Solo and ensemble went smoothly. Coaching sessions may need to be earlier next year. The March 7th concert went well. It was a fun concert with all the groups playing well. Yearbook pictures went well before the concert. Play-a-thon is cancelled this year because the teachers and students are just overwhelmed. Tomorrow night is Wentz Hall concert. Several rehearsals are scheduled before the New York trip. Parents are helping with getting medical records and forms together. A final itinerary will be coming shortly.

Paul makes a motion to approve the February minutes with corrections.

Claudia asked if any parents were interested in joining the OPA board. There is a parent interested in the Vice President position. She will come to the April meeting.

Treasurer's report – Carolyn is not in attendance. We received a check from MEAC for \$2,500. It is primarily for scholarships.

Amy said the bags fundraiser is closed out. Maybe in May, we should start revisiting fundraisers for next year. We should do something other than pasta and maybe do pasta on an every other year basis.

There is no student exec news.

The orchestra banquet is confirmed for Sunday, May 21 at Eola Center.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.