

OPA Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2016

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

Director's report – As of four hours ago, there is a rehearsal schedule for the New York trip. Daryl created a classroom for the students to check on for rehearsals. Rehearsals are mandatory for the kids. Students are required to bring their own instruments for the trip. Prism redesign was gorgeous. All four recordings were great. There were four cameras and the music will be chosen from the best of the four recordings. There may be a chance to purchase a DVD in future Prism shows. The music, flow and parent volunteers were fantastic. The manning of the box office was not as organized. Quinlan & Fabish event was a huge success. Mrs. Myers was also there and plenty of reps from Q&F were also there from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Ten or 12 students were able to buy their instruments with their credit and discount. Our fine arts coordinator approved a string bass. The grant is \$5,000 that we will receive from the district and the bass we picked out is \$5,800 which includes a low C extension. We would like to pay the difference with OPA funds. The directors are asking for \$1,800. Paul made a motion to allocate the funds for the string bass and Claudia seconded the motion. The directors of Waubonsie and the middle schools will be having a meeting to better organize the Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner for the following year.

Meet the Artist is in February and a PTA mom is in charge of obtaining the grant for that event. Jupiter, one of the premier string quartets in Illinois, is coming for a clinic.

Approval of the minutes – Will motioned to approve and Paul seconded the motion for the October and November minutes.

Carolyn brought the financial report. We are \$100 less on the report than what the bank says. There may be an outstanding check. The Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner was a break even event.

New and creative ways were discussed to get more parent volunteers for various events. Maybe have a volunteer appreciation time towards the end of the year?

As a board, Will suggested that we should all have a Gmail account starting at the beginning of the year to be able to view meeting minutes or financial reports.

Claudia received a report from Amy Bade and said that the pasta fundraiser is open until December 15.

Claudia adjourns the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Next OPA board meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2017