

OPA Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2016

Meeting called to order by Claudia at 7:00 p.m. Claudia introduced herself as OPA President and we went around and introduced ourselves.

Treasurer's report is skipped because Carolyn was not present.

Will presented us the table, shelves and cabinets in the orchestra room that Matthew Pakkabier constructed as his Eagle project. Claudia came and took pictures. Another scout, Santan, took all of the orchestra plaques and designed a system to hang the plaques in the hallway. Santan may require a small donation from OPA. A card would be nice to thank the scouts for all of their hard work and projects.

Summer music camp was taught by Mr. Burck and Mrs. Myers at Waubonsie and many high school students helped out.

OPA goals: Daryl would like a new TV in the orchestra room because the existing TV is not working anymore. Claudia suggested an electrician check it out first and perhaps might be able to fix it. Will said that they cannot use district resources to service the TV because it was purchased through fundraising. Will talked about dedicating each wall to an era and style of music and a timeline. Posters that are framed or stenciling would be nice. Daryl suggested to have the student exec board to fundraise.

Orchestra trip to New York – students are now getting enrolled. Friday is the student deadline. There will be fundraising opportunities. Daryl talked about the garbage bag fundraiser, the pasta fundraiser, the Apple Taffy chocolate dipped pretzel rods.

Daryl talked about the band doing a mattress fundraiser. The band makes a big deal out of it. The students of orchestra and choir can benefit from the mattress fundraiser and the money will go into the student accounts.

Pippa dresses – Daryl was asking if there is a parent volunteer that can come in to measure the girls who would need concert dresses. The students can use money in their account to pay for these dresses. Claudia offered to help. Will suggested that the students pay by check made payable to OPA.

Paul recapped the meeting of the minutes from May 2016. Will made a motion to approve the meeting notes. Paul seconded the motion. Everyone approved.

Carolyn said the audit passed for the OPA report. She prepared the budget for this OPA year but has to be postponed until next month.

We decided to have the November meeting on the 17th.

Claudia talked about apparel. She showed us several apparel options. She even suggested maybe buying car decals and selling them at various concerts. There is a 12 item minimum for the apparel website.

Committee chairs who are coming back are Lisa Gruman for awards, Amy Bade for fundraising, Joy for hospitality. Warrior Strings dessert dinner is Wendy but needs lots of help.

We need a committee chair for Prism. Lisa Gruman will not be available to be committee chair for Fine Arts Festival.

Will gave Claudia an orchestra director plaque reimbursement request and a reimbursement check request for private lessons.

Daryl is asking for Kleenex boxes from the students.

Claudia adjourned the meeting at 8:25.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2016.