

OPA Meeting Notes – February 29, 2016

Auditions went well and the orchestras for next year are well balanced. It was great to compare notes with other two schools as to how their auditions went. It's nice for someone else's ears to hear auditions other than the directors. The orchestra shelves are not done because Matthew needs to have his plans approved by the scout committee. They should be approved before the end of the school year. The play-a-thon is scheduled for March 19. Directors will meet with the student exec board to finalize details. Private lesson scholarship applications cannot be posted because we do not have any money allocated.

The February 9 meeting cleared up ideas on what we needed to do regarding scholarship money and how they are applied for. We went over the February 9 meeting notes that were displayed on the screen.

OPA did not get any chimney money. All checks went to band and \$750 was budgeted for it but \$2,300 came in. Motion to approve February 9 minutes (Kelly 1st and Jeanne 2nd). Motion to approve November meeting (Nancy 1st and Jeanne 2nd).

Nancy and Claudia are still looking for the OPA display tri-fold. It disappeared maybe after 8th grade night? Tracy and Claudia will review the by-laws. No huge changes but some updates may need to happen. Claudia decided that senior students could donate their dresses. Claudia made a sign-up sheet for it. Could the student contact another student for the dress via the sign-up sheet? Will said it will be a very small amount of senior students who are leaving. Funds left over from seniors in the by-laws need to be changed and updated. We will be looking at roles and making sure the roles exist as far as our jobs. The by-laws are on the OPA page online.

Nancy moves to add a meeting on April 12 and Tracy 2nd. We all are in favor.

Nominations committee met and put together a great slate of candidates. Candidates are posted for 30 days and voting will be on April 12. Thank you to all the nominating candidates.

There was \$984 earned from the Puffin fundraiser sale and \$235 went to OPA account as per Kelly's treasurer update. No new real updates.

We are still looking for a new fundraising person. The kids get 75% and OPA gets 25% profit for pasta fundraiser. Maybe look at new fundraising options? We should put out fundraising options at our next meeting. Another possibility could be Krispy Kreme donuts?

Orchestra banquet is Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m., tentatively. If Eola Center is booked, we may just do it in the cafeteria.

Student Exec Update – next meeting is tomorrow, March 1.

The set up and cleanup of Tri M students was unbelievably quick and efficient for solo and ensemble. The clinicians were excellent. Send a thank you to Bill Jastrow for setting up all the clinicians.

Lisa Gruman talked about patches and awards. The kids will decide whether they want a patch or not per a letter. Kids can opt out of getting a patch. The cost is \$90 patches for solo and ensemble \$45 for a pin. Not a huge impact for OPA. If they don't bother to turn in the letter, it is assumed that you will opt out. An amount of \$200 will be saved to do pins for multiple years. Freshman will still get a patch. After that, they will get a pin. Illinois shape patch with or without year? Suggestion was to have an Illinois patch and instead of having the date embroidered, just add a pin with a date. Will suggested to let people do away with the Orchestra patch and let the parents buy it at the Warrior Wearhouse. Will asked if we should continue with numerals or plaques for seniors? Lisa suggested to change the patches for this year. Jeanne suggested that freshman change to the music note. Will suggested that the award requirements be restructured in the orchestra handbook.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2016.