

Orchestra Parents Association Meeting

March 8, 2022

Call to order: Amy Bade, 7:03

Attendance: Amy Bade, Daryl Silberman, Shawnita Tyus, Mary Elliott, Elias Guerro, Lisa Gruman, Rogelia Huizar, Tara Martin-Hopf

Director's report - Daryl Silberman, Shawnita Tyus

Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner recap

Good attendance. Great look.

ILMEA All State recap

Shawnita attended. Great group kids, no issues

Shawnita performed with the orchestra

22-23 Orchestra Auditions results posting

Coming out 3/10?

Freshman Orientation recap

Shawnita going to Scullen and Fischer to talk up orchestra

Increased number (67?)

Orientation went well. Maybe get a new teacher picture

Solo & Ensemble recap

Daryl will send attendance list so we have record of who can earn award. All participants can get patch for \$5

Went well

Probably at WVHS next year.

Lesser numbers, but more even distribution of participation among schools

May need more accompanists next year if numbers increase

MIOSM Concerts - March 16 & 17

Chamber at Wenz Hall

Other groups on 17th at school. Mr D. will be playing with some Irish music

Paddy Holman is visiting tomorrow, giving Irish lore, background, talk about Irish music.

Hoping to use MEAC funds for him

Joanne May will be our guest the week after concerts. Use OPA funds (\$100) for her

Fine Arts Festival - May 21

Orchestra will use single stands to comply with COVID19 recommendations; all the groups will be more spread out.

President's Day

Kids' reactions were mixed. Some say it was boring and not really useful.

NVHS students asked if as seniors they resent not being concert master. Shows how other schools are more competitive than we are .

Approval of Minutes - Mary

Minutes of January 11, 2022: review & approve

Move: Elias Second: Daryl

Treasurer's Report - Elias

Financial Updates

Deposits or reimbursement requests

Page 2 is Burck money. We are balanced

Solo & Ensemble is balanced

No movement from Scrip funds since Dem

No receipts from Warrior Strings (\$275). Paperwork needs to be filled out by Jeanette Koeller

OPA President's Report

2022-2023 OPA Executive Board nominations

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary: Mary Elliott

Amy will ask for volunteers at concert

Committee Updates

Fundraising:

Shop with Scrip - Lisa Gruman

No change. Lisa will speak at a trip meeting to try to get more involvement

Chipotle Dinner Night - Rogelia Huizar

Nothing until June. Plan for September or October

Little Pops—explore opportunity, April/May. Amy will set it up

Explore The Patio: can have students (Warrior Strings?) perform. Increases participation and profits. Perhaps kids that perform get extra funds. Invite full student body

Bundts: Pre sales and on-site sales. Amy will reach out to set it up. Funds go to OPA. To be held at Pops Concert

Warrior Strings Dessert Dinner - Jeanette Koeller and Rogelia Huizar—table to April

Awards: Lisa Gruman

Lisa will put together list of participants in order to buy patches. List will be sent so students can approve. Patches for pit, S&E, Warrior Strings.

Senior Awards item: Molly (sr) likes idea of medal over other items. Perhaps use different colored ribbon according to the number of years in orchestra. Or different sizes.

Maybe this year offer plaque or medal as student request.

Daryl suggest all sr get medallion. Those who make points get big plaques in addition. This idea accepted

Past years, all seniors get small plaque. Those who earned points get larger plaque with all groups.

Fine Arts Festival: Orchestra Chair needed. Orchestra is not in charge, but will need to help. Amy will ask Jeanette Koeller. If decline, she will send out blast.

Old Business

New Business

CSO trip: request to reimburse Band Boosters for \$250.00 for extra fees

Several families contact Mr. Duker as cancellations, causing extra fees to cover those costs.

Funds to cover will come from general fund,

Motion: Lisa Second: Elias Carried

Scholarship instrument: needs repair/approval for payment of approx. \$134.00

Sophomore, Symphonic Orchestra, financial need. Last year, Kelly Zeally got a donated instrument. Instrument has a crack. QF quoted a school price to fix. Daryl asks where

should money come from? Will we ask student to contribute via fundraising in the next years?

Amy asks will that instrument come back to the program when this student graduates?
Lisa reminds that Burck Scholarship was set up to help needy students, this case fits.
Rogelia suggests student apply for other scholarships, and perhaps we make up the difference.

Table decision til April meeting

Led to discussion about funds for scholarships. We are at \$0.

2023 Orchestra Trip planning

55 respondents; 67% want only NYC

Bob Rogers Travel not respond.

Will use MCI (Music Celebrations International): up to 30 days prior to departure can add Premiere insurance.

We will need to check on bus transportation to/from airport

Which airport to use? Will baggage cost be included? Will everyone (and bags) on the same flight?

Leaning toward 5-day/4-night time frame

Pops Concert/Awards Banquet combined

Perhaps we should have a short meeting at the concert, either at the beginning or between groups. We will solicit new membership, especially parents of younger students.

Nothing Bundt Cakes - May fundraiser

Adjourn: Amy Bade, 8:33

Move: Lisa Second: Elias

Next meeting April 5, 7 pm