

Minutes of SME Orchestra Boosters Meeting November 3, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Karen Armstrong, Booster president at 7:03 PM. Attendees were asked to read the minutes from the September meeting. There were no corrections and minutes were approved by voice vote.

Director Report: Mr. Lane is preparing the orchestras for the December 8 concert. District auditions are November 14 at Olathe East high school, and district concert will be December 5. SME Chamber ensemble to be formed from All -District players and they will perform at the December 8 concert and also for the Prairie Village Mayor's Christmas concert. The ensemble is paid for this and that money will be cycled through the Boosters to help defray cost of clinicians. The principal violist from the KC Symphony will work with students this week in preparation for the December concert. A violinist will also be hired for sectional work. Wind players and percussion from the SME band program will be auditioned within the next week and will be joining the Symphonic Orchestra. A field trip to visit a rehearsal of the KC Symphony will be November 20. Students will leave about 9:30 and return for lunch. Kari Napier is organizing trip chaperones and parents to set and serve a pizza lunch when students return. Mr. Lane is taking care of permission slips and acquiring buses.

Treasurer Report: Doreen Fiala presented the financial figures. Income from sponsor fees was much more than budgeted. Expenses are running close to budget. There is still \$1,500 to be paid to the composer for the spring concert composition.

Fundraising: Grocery coupon books are still available through Tiffany Flannigan for \$5 each. Most of this money is credited to the student for their 2017 trip expenses.

Poinsettia sales: So far no orders. November 16 is the order deadline for Thanksgiving delivery. Order deadline for Christmas delivery is December 4. Order forms are in the Orchestra room and orders can be left there also. Chairperson will be needed to replace Diane Levin.

Hen House grocery sacking: Heidi Bennion affirmed that Corinth Hen House (HH) is interested in hiring students to work Thanksgiving week sacking and also having student music performances. Last year generated about \$900 in tips. This money is divided into the trip accounts for those students working. An email signup sheet will go out to students within the week. HH also interested in having students during Christmas week. Question was raised if Prairie Village shops HH would be interested in similar arrangement. Heidi will contact them.

Trip Committee: Dana and Chuck Vossler head the committee which is looking at sites for a trip. Preference will be to see if the group can work with a major symphony, as was arranged in Philadelphia. There is interest in a trip to Montreal or Toronto Canada. Passports would be required. Trip times will be late February to mid March.

T-shirt order: Design is ready and order will be placed. Hopefully shirts can be here for the Hen House grocery sacking fundraiser.

New Business: Diane Levin was congratulated for her work on the SME Orchestra Booster website. Links are present to hear the pieces played at the October concert.

Helen Quarnstrom was introduced at the next chairperson of the Collage concert.

Next meeting of the Boosters will be January 19, 2016 at 7:00 in the Orchestra room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Minutes recorded by Tom Olson, Secretary.