

**Minutes of SME Orchestra Boosters Meeting  
November 15, 2016  
7 PM in SME Orchestra Room (212)**

Laura Wiltfong, President, opened the meeting at 7:05.

**1. Review and Approval of minutes from September 24, 2016 meeting**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Update from Orchestra Director (Adam Keda)**

Mr. Keda reported that 5 SME Orchestra students made the top district orchestra while 5 Freshmen made the Freshman district orchestra. He plans to include all grades on stage for one piece at the Winter concert on December 14<sup>th</sup>. He is planning a field trip to watch the Kansas City Symphony rehearse next semester. He also plans to form student string quartets next semester.

**3. Treasurer's Report (Doreen Fiala)**

Doreen Fiala distributed a treasurer report showing no liabilities and showing \$4,769 in the General Fund, \$17,846 in the Trip Fund, \$163 in the Club Account, and \$16,144 in Savings. Cathy Boutros, in attendance, has volunteered to be the assistant treasurer. The motion to elect her to that position was approved.

**4. Trip Committee Update (Dana Vossler)**

Dana Vossler reported that the trip committee is still working on setting a time for the clinic with the symphony members. She has found discount passes for use with ground transportation and museum admission. She has been sending reminders to parents that they need passport numbers, names exactly as shown on passports, and birthdays for all travelers before they can purchase airline tickets. Some in attendance had not received the e-mails. They hope to buy tickets soon while the dollar is strong. Chaperones need to be trained and fingerprinted. The committee hasn't decided yet whether students will bring cash for meals or whether they will pay in advance so that chaperones can distribute meal money in Montreal. Toward the end of the meeting, it was suggested that students have pictures of their passports either printed or on their phones as a backup.

**5. Fundraising Updates:**

a. Grocery Coupon Book (Laura Wiltfong)

Laura Wiltfong reported that the grocery coupon book fundraiser will end at the end of 2016.

b. Poinsettias (Heidi Bennion)

Heidi reported 89 Poinsettia orders so far, which is more than usual. Post - Thanksgiving orders are still open.

c. **Hen House Sacking (Heidi Bennion)**

To our surprise, Hen House already procured extra help for Thanksgiving weekend. So we have made plans to sack groceries at Price Chopper at 95<sup>th</sup> and Mission on the Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Students should wear khaki pants and SME or Orchestra shirts. We will be back at Hen House for Christmas.

d. **Clothing Drive (Heidi Bennion)**

Heidi Bennion asked whether we should have another clothing drive this year. Last time we raised \$250, which benefitted the whole orchestra. Tash Davis said she would prefer if we donated clothing to the PTA clothing center, where she volunteers, rather than make money for the orchestras. A suggestion was made to have a sock and underwear drive at the December 14<sup>th</sup> concert, and Laura planned to ask Mr. Keda about that. The group voted to have the sock and underwear drive in addition to the used clothing drive, pending the discussion with Mr. Keda.

**6. KC Symphony Rehearsal Field Trip ?**

Laura brought up the need for a field trip coordinator for the Symphony trip.

**7. T-Shirt Orders (Tash Davis)**

Tash reported that the t-shirts were almost ready and should be coming home Thursday or Friday. The boosters made \$195 from t-shirt sales, and there are more shirts available for purchase.

**8. New Business and Questions from Booster Membership**

The next booster meeting is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>.

A question was asked as to how to check student account balances for the Orchestra trip; to find out balances, e-mail Doreen Fiala. Parents can send payments any time. Doreen plans to send e-mails out at the end of January with each student's balance and amount due.

Laura will send an e-mail about passport information and Doreen's e-mail address.

Laura Wiltfong adjourned the meeting at 7:55