

Minutes of the SME Orchestra Boosters Picnic Meeting

September 19, 2015

Picnic held at Round Hill Swim and Tennis Club starting at 6:00 PM. Potluck taco dinner was enjoyed by all. Business meeting called to order by Booster President Karen Armstrong at 7:00 PM. Karen thanked the persons responsible for organizing the dinner and decorating the facility. She also introduced the 2015-2016 Orchestra Booster Board members. She discussed volunteer positions that were open and asked that parents consider helping in these openings. She also discussed the need for a Trip Committee for a 2017 orchestra trip. The committee would work with Mr. Lane to determine a location for the trip.

Director Mr. Lane introduced and discussed some of options concerning a 2017 trip. Prior trips have been arranged through a travel agency, but the 2015 was arranged by the Trip committee and worked out well. He discussed the composition competition that was recently held and the winner selected who will write a piece to be debuted by the Symphony orchestra at the spring Collage concert. Information about the winning composer is on the booster website. He spoke of a loss of a SMSD district music coordinator and some problems that may produce for the district music festivals. Diane Levin was thanked for her help with the composition contest and for managing the booster website.

Old business: Uniform distribution went well and Diane Levin, Dana Snyder and Kelli Gasperi were thanked for their work with this. Uniforms need to be ready for the October 6 concert. Uniform details are on website.

New Business: The 2015-2016 booster budget was distributed and evaluated. There were no questions and the budget was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Fund raising: Heidi Bennion reported that water sales at the Villagefest raised \$454. Water was donated. The carwash held in August raised just over \$1200 in spite of a bad weather day. Future sales opportunities were reported. Grocery sacking will again be available Thanksgiving week at Corinth Hen House. Students are paid an hourly wage and tips collected. Student music performances were well received during the sacking. Tiffany Flannigan discussed grocery store coupon books which again will be sold. She will coordinate delivery of books to students. Diane Levin discussed poinsettia sales which will have delivery dates prior to both Thanksgiving and Christmas. She will visit each orchestra the first week of October and explain the sales. All money earned by the students will be applied to their individual trip accounts.

Awards: The top car wash ticket salesperson was Caroline Edge. She will receive a prize for her efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Minutes recorded by Tom Olson, SME Orchestra Booster Secretary.