

SME Orchestra Booster Club Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Officers Present:

Amy Wulfemeyer – President
Karen Armstrong – President Elect
Diane Levin – Secretary
Janet Monday – Membership
Heidi Bennion – Fundraising

Not Present:

Vicki Sharp – Treasurer

Director Present:

Jonathan Lane

1) Philadelphia Trip Update (Lisa Engelken)

- Committee is getting ready to book flights. Luggage will be restricted to 1 bag, 1 backpack, and 1 instrument. Cellos and basses will be rented in Philadelphia.
- Lodging will be at Hilton Garden Inn, 4 persons to a room. Breakfast is provided at hotel.
- Chaperones are still needed. Contact Lisa Enkelken or Vicki Sharp if you are interested. There will be a 1:6 ratio of chaperones to students. Chaperones are asked to pay their own expenses for the trip.
- **First deposit (\$100) is due October 20. The second deposit (\$450) is due January 9th. Balance is due February 6th.**
- Cost for the trip is approximately \$950, considerably less than LA trip. This is primarily due to ability to use public transportation in Philadelphia.
- Question: How do parent find out what a student's fundraising balance is to be applied to the trip? Answer: Contact Denise Richards for student fundraising balance to be applied to trip.
- Question: Will students be taking uniforms? Answer: Yes. Students will wear issued uniforms.
- Amy Wulfemeyer reminded group that trip payments may be made in more frequent, smaller amounts rather than single large deposits if families wish. In addition, Amy reminded group that **deadline for \$100 deposit to confirm reservation to Philadelphia is October 20th**. Final counts must be obtained in order to make final flight and hotel reservations, as well as plan for ground transportation, chaperones, and tickets to events.
- Amy Wulfemeyer also encouraged all parents wishing to accompany the students on the trip as a chaperone to contact Vicki Sharp as soon as possible. Both men and women are needed and the positions will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

2) Open Meeting and Announcements.(Amy Wulfemeyer)

- Board members and committee chairs present were introduced
- Students will be working on the float for Lancer Day from 12-2 Saturday 9-6.
- It was noted that the position of videographer is still open with the task of filming concerts for parents and posting on website. Tamas Kapros stepped forward to fill position. Thanks to Tamas!
- Calendar, 101 document and all forms are posted on the website for easy reference.

3) Comments from Director (Jonathan Lane)

- None at this time

4) Old Business (Amy Wulfemeyer, Diane Levin, Dana Snyder)

- Tuxedos have arrived and are in the process of being checked into inventory and labeled.
- Gowns are expected to be shipped 9/9 with delivery the same week. They will be checked into inventory and labeled as well.
- Estimated date for uniform distribution 9/15 or 9/16.
- Parent volunteer email will be sent requesting assistance with distribution.

5) New Business (Amy Wulfemeyer)

- The use of the \$65 booster fees includes uniform maintenance, clinicians, field trip fees, and optional T-shirt. If a T-shirt is not desired, the fees are reduced by \$15 to \$50.
- The Collage Concert is the biggest fundraiser directly for the boosters. Other fundraising is for the benefit of the students' trip expenses. This necessitated the initiation of a yearly booster fee to ensure availability of needed funds for student activities and resources funded by boosters. Other activities such as the Spring banquet require a fee only to cover expenses of that event.
- Referring to the budget handout, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget as written. Membership voted to approve the budget and budget was adopted.
- Grocery Store Coupon Book fundraiser was introduced by Tiffany and Larry Flanagan. Fliers were handed out explaining the program. Coupon books may be purchased from the Flanagans and resold to cover trip costs for student. The \$5 coupon on the book covers the cost of the sale so students may earn money for their trips with no real out of pocket expense. Creative selling options discussed include neighbors and in front of stores. Grocery Coupon books will be available for sale through December so that funds earned by students can be applied to their trip funds in time for hotel/flight payments to be made.
- Poinsettia Sales fundraising was introduced by Diane Levin. This fundraising opportunity will be kicked off the first week of October with sales running through the first week of November. Parents and students are asked to begin identifying potential business customers who may want large numbers of poinsettias. These orders can be delivered directly to the business prior to Thanksgiving for holiday decoration. More information will follow.

6) Awards (Amy Wulfemeyer)

- A gift card was awarded to the student with highest earnings at the Booster Car Wash.
- Additional gift cards were awarded for the Picnic Best Dish and the two Best 50's Costumes (tie).

7) Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Diane Levin