

**Minutes of SME Orchestra Boosters Meeting  
January 10, 2017  
7 PM in SME Orchestra Room (212)**

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

**1. Review and Approval of minutes from November 15, 2016 meeting**

Minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Keda reported that the students were happy with the Winter Concert, including the grand finale with all grades playing together. Plans for this semester include the Montreal trip March 30 – April 2, the contest, and the Collage Concert, which will have a world music theme with music based on folk and dance music representing several countries. He has met with counselors to discuss audition requirements for the 2017 – 2018 school year. He will send out information regarding audition requirements. In response to a question from Laura Wiltfong, Mr. Keda confirmed his plan to continue the three orchestra policy (Concert, Philharmonic, and Symphony) in the future. He is planning a field trip to watch the Kansas City Symphony rehearse, but he's still looking for a Friday with no conflicts to do so.

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

Doreen Fiala distributed a treasurer report showing \$4,832.60 in the General Fund with no liabilities, \$9,525 in the Trip Fund before paying \$287 of sales tax due this month, and \$16,147 in Savings.

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

Dana Vossler reported that the trip committee has found a place to rent instruments in Montreal. The plane tickets have been reserved. She met with the chaperones after the regular booster meeting. She will send out outstanding balances for the trip via e-mail to individual students.

Later in the meeting, Dana stated that the final trip fees will be due March 1<sup>st</sup>. The current payment of \$500 is due Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Heidi Bennion mentioned that the Stanley post office takes walk - ins and is helpful with passport applications. A professional photographer, Maura Coleman Murray, will be on the trip and may help document the event. Doreen Fiala suggested creating an Instagram account for photos.

**5. Fundraising Updates:**

a. Grocery Coupon Book (Laura Wiltfong)

Laura reported that all grocery coupon books were sold.

- b. Poinsettias (Heidi Bennion)  
Heidi reported that the Poinsettia sales brought in \$5587, of which \$1700 went to students' accounts.
- c. Hen House Sacking (Heidi Bennion)  
Between wages and tips, Hen House sacking brought in \$1442 at an average of \$13.60/hour.
- d. Price Chopper Sacking (Carol Modean)  
Between wages and tips, Price Chopper sacking brought in an average of \$34/hour. Carol's children played to an appreciative audience of shoppers. Price Chopper complemented the students' work and invited us back for next holiday season. Heidi suggested that maybe we should consider whether to return to both stores next year or just to Price Chopper. She also expressed a wish to have the students play in the stores, and Mr. Keda said he could get holiday sheet music for that.
- e. Sock and Underwear drive from Holiday Concert (Laura Wiltfong)  
Laura reported that we collected 117 pairs of underwear, 201 pairs of socks, and \$75 in cash for donation. 50 children will get socks and underwear.

**6. Collage Concert – March 2, 2017 (Melissa Falkner)**

Melissa reported that K.C. Strings will help with gift cards. Melissa has been putting together the information for the program and tickets. We also have a person to create posters. We will need volunteers for the night of the concert to sell tickets, usher, and manage cookies. In answer to a question regarding whether there are any extra t-shirts for sale, Melissa said yes. There were discrepancies between t-shirt orders and what t-shirts were delivered to the classes. Melissa said if anybody didn't get their shirt, she has the remaining shirts.

**7. Kansas City Symphony Field Trip**

This was already covered under the update from Orchestra Director

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

Laura Wiltfong asked for a volunteer to set up a Facebook account, which would benefit those who don't get booster group e-mails. Any interested party can e-mail Laura at

[smeorchboosters@gmail.com](mailto:smeorchboosters@gmail.com)

The next booster meeting is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> and Laura will probably schedule another meeting before the trip for those involved with the trip. It was suggested that parents and travelers receive information regarding things such as international cell phone fees. One in attendance suggested downloading "What's App" for free international cell phone use.

Laura Wiltfong adjourned the meeting at 7:36