

## **Minutes of SME Orchestra Boosters Meeting January 26, 2016**

Present: Helen Quarnstrom, David Boutros, Tom Olson, Carol Modean, Amy Phillips, Doreen Fiala, Diane Levin, Amy Wulfemeyer, Chuck Vossler, Dana Vossler, Heidi Bennion, Karen Armstrong

The meeting was called to order by Booster President Karen Armstrong at 7:00.

**UPDATE FROM MR. LANE:** All groups are working on pieces for the upcoming Collage concert on March 9. Guest clinicians have been in class to help students with some of the music. The freshman orchestra is working to submit electronically a sample of their vibrato, and this will be judged by students who have been chosen for state music festival.

Joseph Banks, the composer commissioned to write a piece that will be first performed by the Symphony Orchestra, has been in contact and will likely be here to rehearse the group prior to the concert. The new band director, Alex Toepfer, will perform a piece with the Symphonic orchestra also. A reception for Alex and Mr. Banks will be held after the concert. Discussion was held about the location of this reception and decision was made to hold it in the hallway near the orchestra and choral rooms. Cookies and drinks will be provided by parents.

Recognition of Kim Scott in the concert program for the donation of the composition prize will be added.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Doreen Fiala presented the totals for each fund. Checking account \$8,330.43, Trip fund \$10,040.05, and Savings account \$ 17,642.42. All bills paid.

**2017 TRIP REPORT:** Dana Vossler discussed that sites for the trip are still under consideration. Montreal and Baltimore are the favorites. Getting a passport does not seem to be a problem. Dates need to be decided, but likely February/March of 2017. Final decision dependent on the release of the 2016/2017 symphony concert schedules by each of the potential cities. Students and parents are interested in traveling to Montreal.

**FUNDRAISING:** Grocery coupon books: (Tiffany Flanagan) The Boosters have purchased 100 of each type of book and have about 88 of each left. These books will expire this summer and an effort will be made to sell the remaining books at the Collage Concert.

Poinsettias sales (Diane Levin): Fewer plants sold this year-261 with \$1261 deposited into individual student trip accounts. A replacement will be needed to supervise these sales next year.

Hen House grocery sacking (Heidi Bennion): Good response from students and the community to the grocery sacking. \$1441 raised during Thanksgiving week and \$1241 during Christmas week. This includes both wages paid by HH and tips earned. Money will be credited to individual student trip accounts.

**COLLAGE CONCERT:** (Helen Quarnstrom) Helen thanked the members of her committee and reviewed the sub-committees. A lead person is still needed for concert night ticket sales and ushers and pre-concert ticket sales. Heidi Bennion has gotten gift certificates from area string retailers and will request more from parents to be given away as door prize items during the concert intermission. Five door prizes to be given to elementary string players and 5 to middle school string players by Heidi and Alexis Biehl, the new elementary strings teacher. Amy Phillips is coordinating the poster design contest with the strings players. Submissions to be returned by February 15. She will have the posters printed gratis by her niece and ready to distribute by February 22. Volunteer were solicited to help with poster distribution. She has arranged other publicity with the school and local businesses and retirement facilities. Janet Monday will get the final program pieces from Mr. Lane and will use the poster winning design for the cover of the programs. Framed posters will be obtained for Kim Scott and Mr. Banks as a measure of thanks for their part in the composition competition. Julia Yedo is coordinating the post concert reception. Reception may be held in the hallway outside the orchestra and choir rooms. Committee discussion was held on the items in the 2 sub-groups that do not have lead persons. UPS store in Corinth may be willing to do printing of tickets for us. Everything seems to be on track for an exciting concert.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:20.

Minutes submitted by Tom Olson, Secretary.