

WESTERN BRANCH ORCHESTRA PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 25, 2014
7:00 PM Western Branch High School Orchestra Room

Attendees:

Patty Grimes – President
Kym Pool – Vice President/Sam's Club/Fundraising
Shawwna Mustgrave – Co-Treasurer
Sharon Keverline – Co-Treasurer
Lisa Moorman – Secretary
Martin Glasco – Director WBHS
Alice Glasco – Director WBMS
Becky Lawson - Raffles
Melissa Lauster – Trip Coordinator
Crystal Hastings –Uniform Coordinator
Nancy Demkowski - JMS Liaison

Items discussed:

BUDGET

The budget was handed out. The Treasurers are going to purchase a lock box for WBHS for approximately \$99. Per Shawwna, it's important that only the treasurers touch any WBOPA monies. The person handling uniforms, etc. will be responsible for collecting funds. Per Patty, she has a collection letter on WBOPA letterhead that she can forward to those who collect WBOPA money.

BY-LAWS/CONSTITUTION

Patty has amended the By-Laws to reflect the WBOPA new year-end date of 6/30 instead of 8/31. Please see the attached amendment with these minutes.

FUNDRAISING

Bill from Schwan's Food Delivery Service spoke about fundraising opportunities using Schwan's. You can go to <https://www.schwans-cares.com/> and click on Create an Account. Schwan's sets aside an advertised 45-day period where all purchases using a \$25 ecard will result in WBOPA getting 40% of the total purchases that were designated to go to WBOPA. After that, we get 20%. In other words, for every \$25 ecards purchased, we get \$10 back. Without the ecards, we get 20%. After the initial 45-day period, we get 5%. A suggested timeframe for this fundraiser would be all of November and the beginning of December. There are no contracts or commitments. Money is deposited into the WBOPA checking account. We will continue to look into this as a possible fundraiser. We may cook a Schwan product for sampling at any of our concerts. A suggestion is not giving them an option of not buying an ecard since our return on ecard purchases is so much greater. Per Kym, we might as well go for it. Per Patty, she suggests that we serve Schwan's at the New York trip meeting.

Kym passed around a BINGO volunteer sign-up sheet.

HOMECOMING FLOAT

The Moorman's have volunteered to build this year's Homecoming Float. The board gave Sandy Moorman a check for \$650 for float building expenses. He will keep his receipts to turn into the board. The Sloan's and the Jennings' have volunteered the use of their trailers. Mr. Moorman's has one from a friend that may work better.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Lisa is to take a picture of the budget, amendment and plant order form to put on Facebook page. We are to put the concert dates on the Facebook page.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Martin stated that he received a free iPad from Heritage Tours because the WBOPA paid an early down payment for one of the orchestra trips. Martin will use this iPad.

Martin stated that there is a Tidewater Music Festival at Chrysler Hall in March, 2015. It's \$99 per student. We could possibly roll cost of this festival into the New York trip. We have never done this festival.

The New York trip is scheduled for April 2nd thru April 6th.

It was affirmed again that Melissa Lauster will continue to help with orchestra trips.

FLOWER SALE

Jen Osborne did not attend tonight's meeting but the plant order forms have been distributed.

CONCERTS

WBHS:

- 9/27-Senior Regional Auditions at Kellam HS 10:30am-12noon
- 10/22-Fall concert at WBHS at 7:30pm (changed from 10/23 because of 10/23 is Field Hockey's Senior Night)
- 11/14&15-SRO Event at Woodside HS
- 12/9-Winter Concert at WBHS (9th grade only)
- 12/11-Winter Concert at WBHS (10-12th grade)
- 3/3-Pre Assessment Concert at Jolliff MS at 7pm
- 3/6&7-District Orchestra Assessment at OSHS
- 6/2-Spring Concert at WBHS at 7pm
- 6/5-Senior Orchestra Banquet at Centenary UMC

Martin to try to move 10/22 concert to 7:30pm from 7:00pm by asking Dr. Whitley.

UNIFORMS

Martin and Crystal Hastings talked about uniforms. We need to come to an agreement on a Uniform Policy. If a student outgrows a uniform and wants a free replacement in the correct size, they must have purchased it from us and it must be the current (as opposed to previous) uniform. If the student outgrows the shirt, the student must buy his own shirt. If it is a trade-in, it must be dry-cleaned before turning it in.

Crystal said everything is coming along with uniform orders and monies for the uniforms.

RAFFLES

Becky stated that the 1st raffle will be held at the WBHS concert on 10/22.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Alice stated that because of the efforts of Kris Dewberry and the Conter's, the WBOPA has saved \$2,100. Kris Dewberry fixed so much for Alice, it was remarkable. We decided to send him a \$50 gift card and a thank you note. The Conter's made 14 peg boards. We will send a thank-you note to the Conter's.
- Leah's email address is now leah.rosenberg@cpschools.com
- Lisa is to take a picture of the budget, the amendment and plant order form and post it on the WBOPA Facebook page. She will also post the concert dates.
- Martin said ACCESS counselors can help students get into college. Mr. Hall is the ACCESS counselor at WBHS and he's there on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week. Parents and students should make an appointment with him. You can possible qualify for free SAT's, PSAT's and AP tests.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 7pm at the WBHS Orchestra Room.

Meeting dismissed @ 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Moorman, WBOPA Secretary