

WESTERN BRANCH ORCHESTRA PARENT'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2019

7:00 p.m. Western Branch High School Orchestra Room

Attendees:

Melissa Lauster – President

Steve Pelzel – Co Treasurer

Martin Glasco – Director WBHS

Alice Glasco – Director WBMS

Sharlene Foley - Secretary

Holly King – Member at Large

Cynthia Odom – Marketing

Emily Schultz

Melissa called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The agenda was distributed. The March 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

For the Atlanta trip, 86 kids are participating with only 1/3 paid in full since Thursday, March 28, however there are many envelopes in the WBOPA deposit box that still need to be recorded. Total cash balance was not available due to Towne Bank on-line system issues.

Fundraising:

Smithfield Hams- Order was placed and rounded up to nearest case resulting in extra hams. Pick-up is Monday, April 8. Amy and Melody handled pick-up in the past. Some students sent in money for the hams but with no order form attached.

Subway- Many coupons remain. The coupons expire at the end of the month which could account for the current surplus of coupons. History shows fundraisers involving selling items result in low participation.

Sam's Club and BJ's- Contact for Sam's Club-Kym Poole & Dana Boyd for BJ's. WBOPA will contact them for fall fundraisers.

WBI

Per Alice, t-shirt orders will be distributed on a later date.

WBMS

All-City was successful. Bojangles lunch was provided and received well. Next Wednesday, April 10 is Patriotic Appreciation Night. No changes in Spring concert dates. Leah will return on Friday, April 5. She will attend Black Violin concert. Students will meet at Joliff and WBMS at 7:00 p.m. with WBHS students who purchased tickets arriving at Joliff. Total of 23 tickets still available.

WBHS

Assessments- WBHS and WBMS orchestras completed assessment. 3 judges participated and were given a \$75 stipend as well as dinner. Both orchestras received good feedback, superior ratings of 94.7 for WBMS and 93 for WBHS. Dr. Chenault listened. If assessments at the schools are allowed again next year, the assessments shall be scheduled after school and in the auditoriums, which helps with scheduling and sound respectively.

Atlanta Trip-

- Parent meeting is tomorrow, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. DC trip parent meeting will occur after spring break. Parents can contact Steve for trip balance.
- The Atlanta trip participants include 83 students, 12 chaperones, and 1 director. One student will not participate in the trip aspect but will perform on stage with the group. The student's spot on the stage was purchased, however she had already paid the \$75 deposit. Approximately \$35k will be paid out for trips bills.
- Atlanta Symphony tickets are reserved, but Martin has not heard from the venue representative since the reservation. If the tickets fall through, refunds will be issued to the students and refund forms will be created which will ask to whom the refund check should be addressed.
- There are more male chaperones than females which means a girls group will have a male chaperone, possibly a chaperone with his daughter's group. This will be discussed at the parent meeting.
- 12k is needed in cash with increments of \$20 bills for chaperones to give students that run out of money. Debts must be paid once bus arrives back at WBHS. 3 blank signed checks are needed as well since no WBOPA officer is attending trip. Orchestra credit card has a 1k cap on it with a 24-hour hold. WBOPA will ask to rescind it for the next few months to pay for hotel and trip costs.
- Students that overpay will be refunded a check. Fundraising for students that do not attend the trip will not carry over to subsequent years.
- Martin will most likely explore World Strides for next year's trip. Parents can make payments directly to World Strides.

JMS

Leah will return on Friday and will meet everyone at the Black Violin concert.

New Business

- Flower sale is due May 6, and flower sale forms will be distributed after spring break.
- Banquet-Carol Ann will probably need to order supplies this year.
- Website-Per Cynthia, she paid \$12.99/month for the last year for the ".com" website while the ".org" was constructed. The .org website will go live soon, and at that point the .com website will be cancelled. The new site looks great and will re-size on any device.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. The next WBOPA board meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2019 7:00 p.m. in the WBHS orchestra room.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Foley

WBOPA Secretary