

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

Monday, January 7, 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

Leah Rosenberg – Director JMS

Sharlene Foley – Secretary

Jen Butler – Raffle Coordinator

Holly King – Member at Large

Pinky McCoy – JMS Liaison

Carol Ann Blair - Hospitality

Melissa called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The agenda was distributed. The December 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance increased by about \$5700 with a current account balance of \$27,600.76. Deposits include ham sale payments and Spring trip deposits. Winter concert raffles generated close to \$900 with proceeds of one winning donated to the WBOPA. Kroger fundraiser yielded \$3,426.74 including a \$1000 donation giving each student per shift \$18. With the \$1000 donation, each student will receive an extra \$12.

WBI

Per Alice, Sandy needs a reimbursement for instrument repair. The Music and Arts bill is addressed to Chesapeake Public Schools, therefore CPS will have to determine how to handle the bill. Sandy will investigate. Alice will give Sandy the T-shirt order. The WBI first concert was successful, and the Spring concert is scheduled for early May. WBI students are preparing schedules for WBMS. Alice and Martin will help Sandy. A Board member must fill out fundraiser permit which will cover all WB schools

WBMS

Per Alice, District Orchestra is Friday, January 18th Friday with 200 kids participating. Discussion revolved around providing refreshments in a hospitality room for teachers as it customary for the hosting school to provide refreshments. Melissa offered to purchase cases of water and bagels/ cream cheese. Melissa also asked if we know of some parents who might want to help with the concert. Pinky offered to help set up. Breakdown after the concert is needed. Alice and Leah will send an email to parents asking for help with the breakdown. Students will bring their own lunch.

Black Violin vs. National Geographic Symphony

Alice was initially informed that the concert was April 6 8:00 at the Harrison Opera House. 100 tickets were reserved at \$28.50 per ticket. The ticket site now lists the concert as April 7 Sunday. The National Geographic Symphony is Wednesday, March 6 7:30 at Chrysler Hall with \$36 ticket. Martin suggested the Black Violin concert as he believes the students will rave about the Black Violin Concert. Discussion moved to transportation and cost. Options include charging the student \$15, or \$20, or the WBOPA would cover all or some of the ticket cost. Bus fees will be an issue unless CPS school transportation can be utilized. If students are dropped off at the Harrison Opera House, late pick-up could be problematic. There are 58 JMS and 45 WMS orchestra students.

JMS

Leah expressed her gratitude and presented the WBOPA board a thank you card for the baby gift. Melinda Mathews who will sub for Leah met the JMS orchestra students. Martin asked Leah for Melinda's contact information. SW and Chittum will perform in a combined Spring concert. 6th grade JMS and WBMS may also perform together at the Spring concert.

WBHS

Per Martin, National Association for Music Education (NAME) Membership payment is due for Alice, Leah, and Martin and is required for the orchestra students to participate in District. Martin also expressed interest in membership to the American Teacher String Association.

Chesapeake Arts Alive Auditions- Application Feb 6. Audition Feb 16. Fee involved. Award & scholarships for musicians, dancers, and artists.

Low response from Atlanta trip- Martin will form group of students to help with the trip and may have to pull some students from one orchestra to another. 30 kids still missing intent forms. For the Washington DC trip, all but 5 freshmen are going.

VCU invitation for Orchestra Day. Around Feb 17-On Wednesday. WB has been invited the last 3 years. Orchestra sits with VCU symphony, experiences a workshop day and tours around VCU. 80 students participate and return same day. School buses can't take students to Richmond, so charter buses are needed and would cost approximately \$3500-400. Martin will check prices, and ideally the Atlanta group could attend the VCU Orchestra Day.

Payment needed shortly for Music and the Park. (DC and Atlanta trips).

Fundraising

WBOPA needs ideas for fundraising (ie hospital events, grand openings, etc).

Ideas include:

- Opening at the DIY store behind Branches on Starmount Blvd in WB.
- Autobell-Melody will research Autobell car wash cards again. The students are excited to sell cards, and in the past, tickets sold for \$20, and WBOPA received \$10. To closely manage cards, each student could receive five cards, sell them, and receive five more to sell if they desire.
- Nixon Barbecue-Sell in the school parking lot or a spot with good drive-by traffic. Martin will check on details. Holly will check with Cavalier Ford.
- Silent Auction-Create a calendar that lists different services/products. Folks purchase their desired amount of entries for the particular service/product and then the individual with the most entries wins.
- Spaghetti dinner- Orchestra could perform during dinner. Would involve paying WBHS cafeteria and manager fees.
- Portsmouth Pavilion
- Sam's Club-Revisit performing at Sam's which now has new management.
- BJ's -Holly has a contact at BJ's and will check on the possibility of performing there for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Fruit Sale-Chorus sold fruit and was disappointed with the fruit quality.
- Students can sell Smithfield Hams again in the Spring.
- Melissa suggested staggering Auto Bell and Nixon Barbecue.

New Business:

January 17 SW Elementary concert 7:00 PM, no raffle.

For Cooper Hurst-Students will donate snacks for the family and put in baskets. Cooper will return home by the end of next week. Martin will ask students by Monday, and Melissa offered to pick up collected items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm. The next WBOPA board meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2019 7:00 in the WBHS orchestra room.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharlene Foley

WBOPA Secretary