

Olathe East Orchestra Boosters Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Attending: Becky Smith, Dave and Katherine Schukai, Mary Adams, Jennifer Kershner, Laura Patterson, Michael Hanf

Approve Minutes: 10-10-18 meeting minutes were approved.

Director's Update (Mr. Hanf):

- Mattress Sale report: Students earned \$3,700 in profits. Sales not connected to individual student-referred sales resulted in \$2,200 profits. Of that, \$400 came from parent attendance at the information meeting and \$500 for a volume bonus. \$1,700 will be applied to the trip for students who worked 2 - 4 hours.
- Wreath Sales report: Two shipments will arrive, the first for a student who sold 85 wreaths to a crafting customer. The company made an exception to split the shipment, so her nine cases of wreaths will arrive early. The remaining cases ship after Thanksgiving and include 49 extra items that will need to be sold. They are worth \$500 and can be sold for \$900 retail. Mr. Hanf will email parents about what items are available for sale and extras can be sold at the upcoming concert as well. The items could be discounted to avoid a loss.
- Restaurant Nights: The Orchestra Leadership Team indicated to Mr. Hanf its want to hold these to fund-raise. Those attending discussed and agreed it is a good idea and worth a try. Laura Patterson agreed to contact locations suggested by students and will try to arrange one in December. Other group fundraising opportunities discussed included the orchestra-thons and Hen House grocery store sacking.
- Potential Booster opportunity next year: The OE Band Boosters wants to offer to one group the concessions for next year for ECKMEA district auditions at OE. There are fewer students auditioning since it is a smaller district now, but the judges will purchase lunches. The fundraising opportunity is not enough to split between the three music departments. Choir boosters also will be considering this opportunity. One person mentioned catering Chik-fil-A would likely result in good profits.

President's Update (Becky Smith):

- Cavalcade follow-up: It went well for the most part. Feedback on the costumes was mixed because a few students didn't follow guidelines, yet were included in the awarding of gift cards. Programs were needed at both doors. Traffic flow could use more coordination, particularly among 5th graders, and some middle school student put cases by their chairs.
- ECKMEA district auditions post review: All parent and student volunteers for orchestra showed up when they were supposed to. A few issues came up, including choir students not being able to check in and getting a marimba through a particular door. Choir most needed to use the elevator keys.

Of OE orchestra students who auditioned, Mr. Hanf said 14 made the gold or blue orchestra. State auditions are the first week of January. There may be a chartered bus for all students in the district.

- EIN established/working towards 501C3: The needed employer I.D. number has been obtained. Mr. Hanf and officers will try again next week to open an account at the bank.
- Binder: This is being started to keep records for future booster officers.
- Needs list: Many snacks have been donated and being put in the solid tubs donated. More tubs could be used. A guillotine cutter is needed and could be purchased later with booster funds. The color printer was not supported after Windows 8, so needs to be replaced so that master copies can be printed.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Schukai):

- Bank Account: Dave will coordinate with Becky Smith and Mr. Hanf to meet at the designated bank to open the account.

Old Business:

- Orchestra parents are needed to serve refreshments at the December choir concert, and provide cookies/treats and punch ingredients for the Dec. 6 orchestra concert.

New Business:

- Students going on the NYC trip have been invited to perform at Lincoln Center, where they will also eat lunch and receive a tour on Friday, April 19. The Carnegie performance is Saturday, April 20. Transport of basses and cellos was discussed. Parents will be asked if anyone is willing to drive a cargo van to transport them. The number of instruments will be counted and cases available determined.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 p.m.