

SMW PRESTO Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
May 1st, 2008

Beth and Dave Cicha called the May meeting of PRESTO for the 2007-2008 school year to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

April minutes were posted on the PRESTO website and provided in hard copy. The April minutes were approved with the addition of the Collage prizewinners' names and a correction to include the April vote on officers.

Officers' reports:

President's Report: - At the end of the meeting, Dave and Beth Cicha thanked the outgoing board members for their hard work, behind the scenes. They expressed their happiness to have been able to serve and their appreciation for everyone's support throughout the year. The Cichas then installed the new officers and "past the crowns" to the Bolters.

Treasurer's Report:

Todd Crow was absent. Boyd Bolter provided the treasurer's report. The financials of PRESTO continue to look good. Current balance is \$5,771.00. Boyd requested any outstanding receipts be turned in to him to give to Todd. Todd had inquired about outstanding ad payments sold to three businesses for the Collage Concert. Beth Cicha said that she would follow up with a letter and a copy of the Program to those businesses. Boyd stated that Todd, from a receipt perspective, had not received all the uniform cleaning deposits (including some senior deposits). Mr. Mulvenon asked for the list of names to turn into the office. Boyd asked also for money for the banquet to be given to Todd for deposit. Anita Hawkins would see that the money is given to him. Boyd is currently active in looking for an auditor, so that Katie and Todd Crow can be released in June from their duties as Treasurers.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Freshmen Parent's Membership – Susan Paolo – no report
- Membership Database – Tammy & Rick Karsten – no report
- Communications –
 - Calendar – Boyd will be calendaring the meeting date for next school year this month with the school. He will look to keep the 2nd Tuesday of the month as the meeting date. He will notify PTSA of the date as well.
 - Webmaster – Tammy & Rick Karsten – no report
 - Printed – Judi Reilly – Next Viking Voice deadline is May 22nd, 2008.
- PTA Liaison – Cheryl Scott – no report.

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- Programs – Laura Bolter – no report.
- Banquet – Anita Hawkins
Mary Holm is collecting reservations for the banquet from Mr. Mulvenon. She is making phone calls to those students who have not made reservations. Mr. Mulvenon will take the senior picture for the gift on May 2nd. Mary is currently working on the program. Mr. Mulvenon will have award information to her by May 8th. The meal will be in the cafeteria with the entire program in the auditorium. The seniors would like to present their slide show in the auditorium. Mr. Mulvenon said that he could arrange setup. Seniors producing the slide show are **April Mitchell** and **Amanda Salisbury**.
- Chaperones – Brenda Barrand
Mr. Mulvenon thanked those who chaperoned at state and on the Chicago trip.
- Director Liaison – Judy Boyd – no report
- Collage Concert – Beth Cicha, Susan Holcomb
As stated in the treasurer's report two or three businesses have not paid for ads in the program. Beth Cicha is following up.
- Picnic – Amy Viets – Amy has secured **Shelter #2 at Shawnee Mission Park on August 17, 2008 for the Orchestra Picnic**. The cost to reserve was \$40.00. Mr. Mulvenon will get the 8th grade list to the Karstens to add to the PRESTO directory. Laura Bolter will make the invitations and mail them out.
- Uniforms – Michelle Kring has been collecting the senior's uniform. Due to the number of ripped and frayed seams on the dresses, Mr. Mulvenon believes that a collection of all uniforms should occur this year. He will be talking to Michelle about collecting all uniforms. It was discussed about how to best proceed for 2008-2009. The condition of the dresses led to discussion of the uniforms for next year. The current dress is discontinued. To replace them would be more costly, because it would be a special order. Repair work may also be costly, given the numbers that require maintenance. Mr. Mulvenon is to check with the district about funds available for new uniforms. The condition of the dresses after cleaning will be examined and reported. In the future an effort will be made to collect the night of the West area festival.
- Ways & Means – no report.

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Director's Report:

Mr. Mulvenon was happy to announce that he had completed his Master's presentation and, that other than a few minor refinements, had completed his paper. He was congratulated on his successful completion. In reporting on the Chicago trip, he stated that there were no major problems. He felt the students were a great group. He stated that both the philharmonic-concert orchestra and the symphonic orchestra received silver awards. The symphonic (block 2) received an 89 for their rating. A gold award was 90. The philharmonic-concert (block 1 and 7) received an 83, which was a better performance than in state. He was happy with the judging. There were 16 schools that brought multiple performers (choir and orchestra). West won first place with combined choir and orchestra ratings.

At state Block 2 received a one rating. Block 1 and 7 received a two rating. Block 1 and 7 felt their performance was lacking that day, but Mr. Mulvenon felt they redeemed themselves in Chicago.

There will be a change in the make-up of the orchestra next year and for the following two or three years. The orchestra will be made up of a chamber strings (block 2) as the top orchestra and a symphonic strings (block 1). Freshman concert strings will remain the same. The full orchestra will be made up of all blocks. The chamber orchestra will have 20-25 students comprised of: 12-16 violins, 4-6 violas, 4-5 cellos, and 1-2 basses. The exact number is based on natural breaks within the audition scores. The symphonic orchestra will have 30-35 students. Ideally Mr. Mulvenon likes to see a full orchestra of 100 students. He is encouraged by the large current 4th grade that was seen at the West area festival. Election of next year's student officers will be Friday, May 16th. Mr. Mulvenon stated he would handle the selection of the T-shirt motif this year getting input from the students at the end of the year.

Unfinished Business:

- Scholarship Committee Report – Boyd Bolter

Boyd reported that the scholarship committee had met on April 30th and made their selection. The selection was difficult in that there were a record number of applicants and many of very high quality. An application was selected for the \$500.00 award. However, Boyd requested on behalf of the committee that a third \$250 award be made available. There were a total of three applications very deserving of the \$250.00 award. He had contacted Todd Crow who reviewed the budget situation and sent an email stating that the funds were there for the additional scholarship. The current year's budget would not need to be adjusted because the expense will be posted to next year's budget. A motion was made and seconded to allow additional funds be made available to the scholarship program

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for a third \$250.00 award. Boyd stated that he could point out several areas that were under-budget and could be tapped. There was no further discussion. The motion was voted on and passed. It was suggested that we look into changing the by-laws for the scholarship committee to allow for more than three \$250.00 awards when money is available. Boyd will now approach the counselor's office for the names of the applicants who have won and present the awards at the banquet.

- New officers for 2008-2009

The new officers voted on in April were installed. They are:

- Boyd and Laura Bolter - Co-Presidents,**
- Steve and Sabrina Crooke – Co-Vice Presidents,**
- Bruce and Amy Viets – Co-Secretaries,**
- Jeanie Miller – Treasurer**

New Business:

Beth Cicha, Bruce and Amy Viets proposed a list of Student Officers' Responsibilities. The thought in providing the list was to create a better working team (PRESTO, Student Officers, and Mr. Mulvenon) to support the orchestra. Mr. Mulvenon was happy to receive the list. He suggested a few minor revisions to the Officers' Responsibilities. He will review the list with students seeking an office for the next year. See attachment.

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Adjournment: Moved and seconded at 8:35 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Sabrina Crooke, PRESTO secretary

Note: Next PRESTO meeting will be held Sept 2008.

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Attachment:

Student Orchestra Officers' Responsibilities

Orchestra/PRESTO Promotion

1. Call all incoming freshman families to invite them to the Back-to-School Picnic.
2. Cover PRESTO tables at registration and Back-to-School night.
3. Decorate/update orchestra bulletin board 2-4 times per year. Solicit photos for use on the bulletin board and on the PRESTO website.

Social

1. Organize the Homecoming float. Make sure all orchestra members are invited to work on the float and participate in the parade.
2. Organize a fun activity each semester, for example movie nights or breakfasts. Make sure all orchestra members are invited.

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Administrative

1. Meet with PRESTO officers at the beginning of the year to discuss plans for the year.
2. Each officer should attend one PRESTO meeting one time during the year. An officer's report should be submitted for every monthly meeting, reporting on student activities and duties.