

PRESTO Minutes

Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Location: Room 150, SMW

	Topic	Discussion/Findings	Recommendations / Actions	Follow-Up
	Attendees: Curtis Mulvenon, Tina Railsback, Cindy & Steve Lanigan, Kim Martin Julia Marquez, Elizabeth Uppman, Tammy Karsten, Pamela Burnett and one more, name not obtained.			
1.	Call to Order/Minutes	The meeting convened at 7 PM. The December minutes were approved with a spelling correction.		
2.	Student Officer Requests/Updates	Collage Concert: Julia Marquez reported that practice is under way for the Collage concert. One of the pieces will be memorized and played in the dark with glow sticks attached to bows. This is to emphasize consistent bowing technique in the sections. All-State Auditions: The 5 students who made district orchestra auditioned for all-state orchestra in Salina Jan 7. All felt good about their performances, but are still anxiously awaiting results as of the meeting time.		-All-State Orchestra results
3.	Director Updates/Requests	Transport to All-State Auditions: Curtis reimbursed Lauren Marten's dad \$100 in gas money for driving the entire group to Salina for auditions. Collage Concert: Curtis reviewed the pieces that will be performed at the Collage concert, including one from a major American composer of Armenian descent (Hovhaness). The piece is good for the large group, with 3 violin 1, 3 violin 2, 2 cello and 2 viola parts for a total of 11 strings parts including base. Freshmen will perform their first "real" classical piece, as the composer wrote it (i.e. it is not an arrangement to simplify the piece or accommodate strings). Recording Lab: Two high quality large diaphragm Rodes (sp?) condenser microphones, (\$400 ea), and an Audio Interface (\$500) that includes Mac Pro Tools software will be purchased. The existing Mac Book computer will be used. Although the computer will not be dedicated, Curtis' advisors indicated that putting	\$100 gas to be reimbursed to Curtis from PRESTO Director's Expense fund. PRESTO will purchase glow sticks, 2 per student, estimated \$100 Curtis is presently shopping for best prices. Total estimated cost \$1300. In view of the higher than budgeted proceeds from fundraisers, the group approved a motion to allow the budgeted Director's	- Breakfast after concerts (after Collage concert) - Recording lab - PRESTO insurance of equipment (from December). - Instrument polishing cloths. - Ladies' dress orders - Tux piece orders

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		<p>available funds into quality microphones and the interface would produce the most versatile large group/small group setup for the money.</p> <p><u>Stand Lights for Orchestra Pit:</u> Twenty eight battery powered stand lights were purchased through Amazon for \$35 each.</p> <p><u>Instrument Cleaning Cloths:</u> The VSO instrument cloth samples were received. The fabric is unacceptable (clingy). 12 x 12 inch size is good.</p> <p><u>Uniforms:</u> SMW received \$10,000 from the school district this year for uniforms. These funds are rotated in successive years among the 5 high schools' bands and orchestras, resulting in uniform replacement approximately every 10 years. SMW was supposed to receive these funds last year but funding was removed due to budget cutbacks.</p>	<p>Expense to be exceeded, to cover recording lab costs up to \$1500.</p> <p>Curtis to a receipt for stand lights to Kim.</p> <p>Curtis to ask the vendor about other fabric, and contact Ken Beckmann to find out where he orders cloths with his logo.</p> <p>Tina/Laura will issue an e-mail to parents this week notifying them that they will take girls' measurements for new dresses, next week at SMW. Curtis to order 10 tux jackets and shirts as well.</p>	
4.	Treasurer's Update	<p><u>Football concessions:</u> Kim reported homecoming game proceeds were \$80 in donations, and \$2290.76 profit from sales of snacks. Still no word from Best Buy on their commitment to donate an additional \$500 in conjunction with their participation.</p> <p><u>Hen House Sacking (December):</u> Tips were \$1307.75. Wages are not yet available, but Curtis has a check in his mail box, which might be for this.</p> <p><u>Other:</u> One additional member has joined PRESTO. \$60.83 was spent on donuts for a rehearsal and \$200 was spent on orchestra pit stand lights.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Best Buy funds – football concessions- December Hen House Sacking wage proceeds.
5.	Ways & Means/Fundraising Update	<p>Tina reported that Laura King-Hagen (absent) has not heard back from Peach-Wave regarding the suitability of May 1 (West Area Festival) for the fund-raiser.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peach Wave – West Area Festival

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6.	Discussion/Approval PRESTO Bylaws	Tina distributed draft revised bylaws and indicated they have also been sent via e-mail to the group.	Pam to post bylaws on website and members are asked to review/comment in time for the next meeting.	- Postponed from Oct 2011
7.	Year End Banquet and Prizes for Collage Concert	<p>Last year's banquet (HyVee catered) was disappointing since food ran out before everyone got through line. Elizabeth has contacted Outback Steakhouse and was told \$9-12 is a reasonable plate cost. In past years cost was \$6 to \$8 per person to allow for profit from a \$9-\$12 ticket price. If the caterer provides servers, cost increases substantially. It is more cost effective for us to use volunteers to set up the food and provide our own drinks. Kim stressed that volunteers should tell guests how much of each food item they can take, and monitor. This is effective in preventing food from running out before everyone gets a fair share.</p> <p>There was discussion about this year's ticket price and whether seniors would be fully sponsored by PRESTO (per past tradition, except last year).</p> <p>Elizabeth was concerned about sourcing door prize donations for this year's collage concert. Last year's items included a camera and she asked if anyone was aware how they were acquired. Discussion ensued. Kim pointed out that we have \$200 budgeted for Collage Concert expenses.</p>	<p>Elizabeth will contact Jack Stack for pricing and let Outback know that the plate cost needs to drop.</p> <p>Possible donors: Curtis suggested \$100 Best Buy gift card. Contact Bob Woepell (REW), Ken Beckmann, KC Strings and Power Play Bowling. Tina will contact Chris DeVader about cake donations.</p>	<p>-Caterer, cost</p> <p>-Sponsor senior banquet tickets?</p> <p>-Ticket price</p> <p>-Collage Concert Door Prizes</p>
8.	Open Committee Positions Banquet - Elizabeth Uppman, requests understudy PTA Liaison - Open Freshman Parents Membership Communications:			

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	SmugMug (web photo sharing) Print Viking Voice, Announcements, local newspapers, grade schools			
8.	New Business	None		
9.	Next PRESTO Meeting	February 21, 2012		
10.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8 PM		

Date	Concert s	Time
March 8, 2012	Collage Concert, West Auditorium	7:00 pm
May 1, 2012	West Area Orchestra Festival, West Gymnasium	7:00 pm
May 14, 2012	Spring Concert, West Gymnasium	7:00 pm

Date	Important Dates	
February 23-25, 2012	KMEA, Wichita KS, All State Orchestra	All day
March 28, 2012	Pre-State Concert, West Auditorium, Block 2 only	7:00 PM
April 14, 2012	Regional Solo/Ensemble, Olathe S HS, Selected students	TBD
April 18, 2012	State Large Ensemble, Blue Valley W HS, All	TBD
April 28, 2012	State Solo/Ensemble, Emporia, Selected students	TBD
May 14, 2012	Orchestra Banquet, West Cafeteria	6:00 PM
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February 21, 2012	PRESTO Meeting	7:00 PM
March 27, 2012	PRESTO Meeting	7:00 PM
April 10, 2012	PRESTO Meeting	7:00 PM
May 8, 2012	PRESTO Meeting	7:00 PM