

PRESTO meeting draft minutes
January 13, 2009

The December meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Boyd Bolter called the meeting to order at 7:07.

Reading and approval of November 08 meeting minutes

Minutes were approved with the amendment that the grant Rex Railback has applied for is from the Kansas Trooper's Association, not the OP Police Department.

Student Officer's Report

Students are preparing for the Collage concert in class. Five students auditioned for All-State last weekend. Student officers will create a sign-up list for students who would like to hand out flyers about West orchestra to elementary school students. Five violinists went to perform at nursing homes in December; the music chosen for all instruments was too difficult to prepare in time.

Treasurer's report

More t-shirt money was collected, so we're \$32 away from breaking even on t-shirts. Remaining money should come in soon. More uniform fees have been collected, but we still have more to collect. \$731 was earned through concession sales at the basketball game, which is more than we had budgeted.

Committees

Membership

There are a few additions/changes to the roster. Mr. Mulvenon will get that information out.

Website/Electronic Communications

List of committee chairs needs to be updated on website.

Print Communications

A Viking Voice article has been sent for the next quarter.

Uniforms

In November Boyd sent an e-mail to all parents whose children had not paid uniform fees, with a deadline of Dec. 11 for payment. Three messages were returned as undeliverable. He received four payments by mid December, but we're still short by about 20. Mr. Mulvenon will ask the West bookkeeper to write an official letter so it will now be a school matter. Next year he will make orchestra uniform dues part of regular class fees, so this item will be taken out of the PRESTO budget.

Chaperones

No needs presently.

Collage Concert – March 12

Crystal Winston and Boyd have been in dialog about plans. They've discussed the fact that last year some ads in the program were not paid for, and they will work on a strategy for making paid ads work better this year. Businesses solicited will be asked to buy ads for both Collage and the May banquet. Laura Bolter will put the printed program together.

Banquet

Anita Hawkins had a planning meeting recently. Tasks have been assigned. Laura and Rachel will create a slideshow. Seniors will be asked to send in about ten photos. Supper will be served at 6:00 and the program will begin at 7:00. Only seniors will play that evening. Bruce has been holding the tablecloths hostage in his garage since last year and will try to remember to bring them to the next PRESTO meeting.

Picnic

No chair yet for next year's picnic.

Scholarships

Deadline is for application is April 15. PRESTO vice presidents generally chair this committee, and Steve and Sabrina will take it on. Freshman and sophomore parents will be asked to serve, as well. The committee should be formed by the March meeting.

Director's Report

Five students went to All-State auditions in Salina last weekend. Results to be posted tomorrow. It's important to note that it was an honor simply to make it to the level of state auditions. Blocks one and two are preparing a piece by Verdi, which contains a new bowing. They're also working on a piece by Von Williams. Bizet's march from Carmen will be performed at the West Area Festival. Freshmen are working on a Vivaldi piece. Mr. Mulvenon will hand out audition music for next year's placement the right before spring break.

Old Business

Plaque for tree has not been placed yet, and at this point we will wait until spring time. Proposed wording: "Planted by PRESTO for the Shawnee Mission West Orchestra November 2008." Storage bins still need to be purchased. Sabrina has talked to one of the principals about creating a PRESTO scholarship fund for future trips.

New Business

There are some items (signed photos) left over from a PRESTO silent auction several years ago. In general, they're not items that would be particularly desirable and they would probably not sell if we were to try to use them for a fundraiser. Boyd will donate them to some lucky business or organization.

Next PRESTO meeting date: February 10 at 7:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.