

PRESTO MARCH MEETING

03/03/09 7:00 PM SMW Orchestra Room

- I. Approval of February 2009 PRESTO meeting minutes
Minutes were seconded and approved
- II. Student Officers' Report
A written report from Emily Miller was read highlighting the upcoming collage concert and the solo and ensemble event. Students from block 2 distributed flyers in the elementary schools for the upcoming collage concert. (Laura Bolter read the report).
- III. Treasurer's Report: Jeannie Miller
There were no new expenditures or income since the previous month. Information was requested on interest earnings made by the bank on the CD. Jeannie will report interest at the next meeting. Rex Railsback indicated that the trooper association would not be making their yearly donation due to losses in investments
- IV. Committees
 - A. Membership: Freshmen Parents - no report
 - B. Membership: Rick and Tammy Karsten –
several updates were given to the Karstens. Two students were removed. One student added to the roles and one correction made.
 - C. Website and Email Communications: Rick and Tammy Karsten
Several suggested were made and requests made for changes to the website. Curtis requested a tab for programs. He hopes to print abbreviated programs for the concerts and refer patrons to the website for the full program. He asked that efforts be made to add pictures, information, and anything else that will facilitate interest in PRESTO and the Orchestra program.
Chrystal requested an email for assistance and donations for the Collage concert be sent out.
 - D. PTA Communications: Susan Paolo no report
 - E. Print Communications: Tina Railsback –
An article was in the paper listing state participants. Collage concert will be listed in Star neighborhood section. SMW announcements included PRESTO meeting
 - F. Uniforms
Mr. Mulvenon needs to follow -up with bookkeeper on collection of uniform fee. One more has been turned in and needs to be given to Treasurer. Laura and Boyd currently have check. Students will be done with uniforms immediately following the West area Festival, April 21st. Laura and Boyd are looking into recruiting individuals to collect the uniforms following the concert. Mr. Mulvenon would have them bring a change of clothes. Ice cream may be purchased and given to those who are up-to-date on uniform fees and return them that evening.
 - G. Ways and Means
See collage concert section concerning ads for upcoming programs.
 - H. Chaperones: Brenda Barrand
 1. State Large Ensemble 4/15

Chaperones will be needed for the State large ensemble (April 15th). Several people agreed to help. Laura and Boyd took down names and stated they would contact Brenda Barrand to be in touch with Mr. Mulvenon for times and to recruit from members who signed up to chaperone. If buses are taken, it was requested by Tammy Karsten that a band parent be asked to chaperone those band members attending. The exact role of the chaperones will be determined once it is determined if money can be found to pay for buses (see director's report).

- I. Collage Concert: Chrystal Winston – Laura and Sabrina reporting
 1. Decorations – Chrystal had sent out an email with updated information. Chrystal has pulled what she needs from the closet, she may need to purchase a few candles, along with plates, cups and napkins from. She plans on purchasing from COSTCO
 2. Food –A cake has been donated which will provide about 400 pieces. Chrystal needs to purchase the drinks from COSTCO as well.
 3. Programs – Laura Bolter will be receiving program information from Curtis as well as ad information or layouts from Jennifer Morris no later than Monday, March 9th. She will then print. A pdf will be posted on the website. Laura will need help assembling the programs.
 4. Ad sales - Jennifer Morris is collecting them and sending via email. She is checking with Beckman, REW, KC Strings, JCCC, Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, and Funky Munky.
 5. Flyer invitations –Flyers were delivered to the elementary school by block 2 students. Extra Flyers are needed for the door. Students tear off the bottom with the appropriate information to place in box or hat.
 6. Supplies -- Prizes acquired include: west t-shirts, some gift cards, orchestra t-shirts, baseball cap and a stocking cap. Bolter's intend to make a donation. A request for prize donations will go out soon. Any money left over may purchase one or two more prizes. The following items were listed as needing to be checked into:
 - Layout to custodians for cafeteria – needs to be given to custodians with a copy to Patti McCluskie by Tuesday.
 - Extra flyers are needed from Curtis and a table for students to complete at entrance.
 - Hat or box is needed for ticket collection.
 - Mr. Mulvenon would like two orchestra students to be at the entrance collecting donations at the end of the concert. He is thinking about talking about losing all district funding (see Director's report).
 - Baskets needed for monetary donation at end of concert.
 - A note indicating a tax deductible donation has been made needs to be available at the door for those wanting to list as a deduction – requested by auditor of PRESTO last year.

Last prize will be awarded in the cafeteria to encourage younger students to mingle with orchestra students.

- J. Banquet: Anita Hawkins Sabrina reporting. February meeting, Anita had no one able to attend. The next meeting is March 22nd. Number of seniors now stand at 19. Caterer, meal, cost, and identification of help needed will be finalized at March meeting. Anita has recruited at least 3 freshman parents to assist.
- K. Next year's picnic: Need to find chair – Sabrina will make a phone call in the next few days and work with Boyd on finding
- L. Scholarship: Sabrina Crooke --
Committee needs to be formed by 3/3 Committee members are Steve and Sabrina Crooke, and Lynn and Stan Biggs.
 - 1. Applications due 4/15 The applications were given to Mr. Mulvenon Tuesday night to hand out to all seniors on Thursday or Friday. Dr. Leonard in counseling has been notified and is ready to accept. A few additional copies were included for those who might misplace their copy. Email reminders will be sent out starting next week. The application is posted on the website, and can also be downloaded.
- M. Nominating Committee: Sabrina Crooke – Beginning process and making contacts in the following week.
 - 1. Nominate slate at April meeting
 - 2. Vote and install at May meeting -- The May meeting has been moved to April 30. Vote will occur then.

V. Director's Report: Curtis Mulvenon

Mr. Mulvenon is very excited about the upcoming collage concert. Collage concert will take the opportunity to honor and highlight seniors who have excelled in orchestra and in band. Kayla Viets who has attended three district competitions and 3 state competitions will be highlighted. Brian Scarbrough (trombone player) who has been 1st chair Jazz trombonist three years in a row will solo. Freshman will perform two or three pieces depending on preparedness. He is very pleased with this years freshman class. West strings will perform a piece. There will be two all orchestra pieces performed as well. He will contact the district orchestra about placing a sound bite on the website from the collage concert.

For West area festival he is planning on providing a half page program and direct parents to check out the PRESTO website for the full program. Thus he would like to see more pictures and information available on the site.

Mr. Mulvenon is encouraging all students to take part in the upcoming competitions for the experience. Solo or ensemble performance in front of judges provide an opportunity to gain necessary life experience for auditions to job interviewing.

Audition music for next year's orchestra will be provided either right before or right after spring break. He is currently making the full orchestra piece selection.

Mr. Mulvenon stated that the district has taken all funds from the fine arts. Since the bulk of his costs occur in the Spring, he had spent very little of the funds. He is currently working with Dr. McLean on finding funds for buses, scores (in addition to own scores, must supply judges full scores \$85-100.00), district and state competition fees, clinician's costs, and misc. rental fees. His

PRESTO account currently has around \$650.00 which he believes he will need to use for previously district paid items. In the past he has used PRESTO money to replace string, purchase rosin, provide better quality bows to the school instruments and other misc. costs. He is hoping donations are good at the collage concert.

Uniform cleaning cost collections? See uniforms

- VI. Old Business no discussion
 - A. Buying storage bins and unpacking boxes
 - B. Funds for Educational Opportunities/Concert Attendance
- VII. New Business
 - A. May meeting date change to April 30th, 2009
 - B. Discussed briefly the concessions for next year. Curtis and Sabrina will talk with Patti McCluskie about scheduling PRESTO manning concessions (hopefully a basketball and a football game) for next year

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Future PRESTO dates:

Pre State at South: 4/1

Orchestra Clinic: 4/2-3

Regional Solo and Ensemble: 4/4

April meeting: 4/14

State Large Ensemble: 4/15

West Area Orchestra Festival: 4/21

State Solo and Ensemble: 4/25

Banquet: 5/7

Thank you for your continued support!