

PRESTO meeting draft minutes  
October 14, 2008

Boyd Bolter called the meeting to order at 7:05.

#### **Reading and approval of September 2008 meeting minutes**

Minutes were approved as read.

#### **Treasurer's report**

T-shirt money is still coming in. Donation of \$20 was given after fall concert. Request for donation from state troopers has been made by Rex Railsback. Homecoming float costs were \$93.89, within the \$100 approved at the September meeting.

#### **Committees**

Still have several chairs open. Bolters will continue to make phone calls, and will use membership sign-up information to assist in finding volunteers. E-mail can be used to advertise the need for more helpers.

#### **Membership**

Currently have 38-40 members. Student appeal for members at concert made a big impression.

#### **Website**

There is a link to PRESTO on the SM West website, but it's not under "clubs and groups." It's on the "parent group" page.

#### **Electronic Communications**

Rick Karsten is working on fixing the e-mail list so that all students will receive orchestra e-mails. A membership list will be available by November.

#### **PTA**

Susan was unable to attend last PTA meeting. She reminded everyone that the newsletter is now available by e-mail. She will report to PTA about the fall concert, the quartet that played at Open House, and the winter concert at the next PTA meeting.

#### **Print Communications**

Tina presented PRESTO articles that will be used for the next Viking Voice. Railsbacks will also try to get orchestra information in the Centennial, Star Neighborhood, and Sun.

#### **Uniforms**

Bolters organized and cleared out the closets. They expressed thanks for all who helped with distributing uniforms. Still trying to collect all fees. Mr. Mulvenon said the uniform distribution went more smoothly this time than ever before. Studs are missing from many shirts, and no supplier can be found. For now, new shirts will be raided for studs for old shirts, in time for the next concert. Two new dresses will be ordered for tall girls.

#### **Ways and Means**

Basketball concessions Friday, Dec. 12 – sign-up was passed around. Still don't know if we'll have two booths to cover or just one. An e-mail will be sent out close to the date to fill any slots on the schedule.

T-shirt sales – 87 were sold, some will be given away at Collage Concert.

### **Chaperones**

No need for chaperones until January.

### **Collage Concert**

We'll sell ads to local businesses for the program, and will possibly offer a two-for-one deal, with the banquet programs. Chrystal Heinze Winston will handle decorations and food.

### **Banquet**

Will take place on 5/7/09 at 6:00, though there is some discussion of starting to serve food earlier than 6:00. Anita is assembling a list of helpers. Only seniors will play at concert, in order to shorten the evening. The banquet committee will arrange for certificates of participation to be given along with letters and numerals. The certificates last year were designed by Laura Bolter, and she will pass that design on to be used for future years.

### **Student Officer Report**

Delivered through Jeannie Miller. The officers expressed thanks for the support for the homecoming float. They also appreciated the treats after the concert. They requested that when they attend PRESTO meetings that they be listed early in the agenda so they can leave early.

### **Director's Report**

District Auditions take place November 8 in Baldwin City. Mr. Mulvenon is in charge of the Northwest District Festival this year. Nineteen West students will audition. Quartet played at Open House. Blocks one and two will combine for full orchestra for winter concert, and are playing "Cashmere." Block one is working on "Bold Venture." Block two is working on "Hoedown" from "Rodeo," either for winter or Collage concert. Block seven is working on "Serenade for Strings," their first experience with such a long piece, and a Vivaldi piece. Fall concert went well, and each group performed at high quality. Utilities have been contacted to approve digging for tree outside orchestra room. It will be a black gum, hardy and not messy, beautiful red in the fall. A plaque will be placed near tree to note that the tree is from PRESTO. Possible planting date – October 25. Field trip to KC Symphony rehearsal has been cancelled because the rehearsal date was changed. This field trip will take place in January, instead. Storage bins will be purchased for organizing and storing PRESTO supplies. A recruitment DVD is in the works, highlighting high school players, that can be shown to younger students.

Next PRESTO meeting date: November 11 at 7:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.