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## **Cypress Woods O.P.A. Meeting September 10, 2013**

Ms. Victoria Campion, Orchestra Director, opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. In addition to Ms. Campion, there were 40 attendees including O.P.A. officers Christy Sellers and Roxy Tucker. O.P.A. President, Amy Glass, was unable to attend; there remains an opening for Vice President.

**Welcome** - After a brief welcome from Ms. Campion, the meeting was turned over to Christy Sellers and Roxy Tucker. Roxy introduced herself as Secretary of O.P.A. and Christy as Treasurer. She then went on to explain they would run the meeting together as President, Amy Glass, was unable to attend due to an out-of-town work commitment.

**O.P.A. explanation/overview** - Roxy gave an overview of and explained the ways O.P.A. supports Ms. Campion, Ms. Hermann and the students of the CyWoods Orchestra. Included in those examples were purchasing of music, paying for clinicians to visit and work with the students throughout the year, socials (including the end-of-year banquet) and scholarships awarded to graduating Seniors.

**Treasurer's report** – Christy presented the proposed 2013/2014 O.P.A. Budget she had prepared, copies of which were made available to attendees if desired. (and will be filed with the approved minutes from this meeting) The 2013/2014 Budget was approved with a motion by Martha Hoelscher, second by Debbie DeFrease and vote by those in attendance.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fishburn Training** – Tammy Bitter was introduced as Chair of the Fishburn Drives Committee. She gave a quick reminder/explanation of this ongoing O.P.A. fundraiser as well as thanked those who had already volunteered their time. This fundraiser has earned the organization over \$4,000 to date. Tammy pointed out O.P.A. earns extra money if parent volunteers are bilingual. Volunteers should be sure to let Tammy and the Fishburn representative know if they speak another language when they report for their shift. Organization and scheduling of the drives is done via SignUp Genius.

**Poinsettia Fundraiser** – Martha Hoelscher was introduced as Chair of the Poinsettia Fundraiser. She explained this as an annual major fundraiser for O.P.A. There was some initial confusion regarding when the fundraiser would begin. It was decided the dates would be confirmed and a follow-up e-mail would be sent. Martha pointed out the plants would be delivered the same afternoon as the Winter Concert, December 12th. Volunteers will be requested to help unload the truck and sort the plants for easy distribution to students/parents. It was stressed that the plants must be taken home that same afternoon or immediately after the evening's concert. Returning parents gave witness to the fact the plants are beautiful and well-priced. It was also pointed out this fundraiser benefits the plants' supplier, The Brookwood Community.

**Wrap-Up** – Roxy explained there remains an opening on the O.P.A. Board for Vice President. Anyone interested in filling this position was requested to follow-up with Ms. Campion or the officers in attendance. Open committee chair positions will be addressed at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:25 to allow parents to proceed on to attend CyWoods Open House which began at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Please note – Roxy Tucker forgot to request approval the minutes of the last O.P.A. meeting, held in April. She will request this formality be accomplished at the October meeting. The minutes have been posted on the organization's website over the summer so the reading of them will not be necessary.

Respectfully submitted by

Roxy Tucker  
Secretary