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## **Cypress Woods O.P.A. Meeting October 7, 2013**

Ms. Victoria Campion, Orchestra Director, opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. In addition to Ms. Campion, there were 18 attendees including O.P.A. officers Amy Glass (President), Christy Sellers (Treasurer), Roxy Tucker (Secretary) and Vice Presidential nominee Patricia Kirkpatrick.

**Welcome** - Ms. Campion welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting. For those who had not already had an opportunity to meet her, Ms. Jennifer Hermann was introduced again as the Assistant Orchestra Director.

**Fall Concert** - Ms. Campion reminded attendees about the upcoming Fall Concert which was to be held Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. A question was asked regarding what to expect in regards to the flow of the evening. Ms. Campion explained that upon arrival, students should uncase their instruments in the Orchestra room then proceed to the auditorium for warm-up. During the concert, those not currently on-stage would be seated toward the back of the auditorium. Parents help in monitoring the students to help ensure they exhibit proper concert-attendance behavior would be appreciated. It was also pointed-out that recording would be in progress therefore silence during the performances is important. It would especially be critical during the Chamber Orchestra performance as they will be creating a recording to be submitted for Honor Orchestra.

**Spring Festival Orchestra Trip** – Ms. Campion made a reminder announcement that the permission forms and first payment were due October 8<sup>th</sup>. The current price of the trip is \$385.00 per student but could change depending on the final number of trip attendees. Ms. Campion explained the importance of these types of events as it will help promote bonding/friendship among the students. While this is not a field trip as the students will be competing and performing, there is time for fun worked into the schedule. (Festival info attached to original copy of minutes) She went on to discuss the general parameters/expectations for this trip.

Question = Meals included?

Answer = breakfast (at the hotel) is included as well as one meal per day

Question = How many students expected to attend

Answer = 140 (current enrollment) is the ideal

Question = Will students be allowed to choose their roommates?

Answer = all roommate requests will be ATTEMPTED to be met

**O.P.A. Business** – President Glass introduced herself and went on to point out forms that were available for those wishing to further support the orchestra. These included O.P.A. membership and Friends of O.P.A.

Patricia Kirkpatrick was introduced as the nominee for the open Board position of Vice President. President Glass made a motion Ms. Kirkpatrick be accepted as Vice President of

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O.P.A., Kathy Ross seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed. Patricia Kirkpatrick is the newly elected Vice President of the CyWoods O.P.A.

President Glass then went on to explain O.P.A. is still in need of a Webmaster and a Hospitality Committee Chair. Kathy Ross expressed interest in the Hospitality position.

**Treasurer's report** – Christy Sellers pointed out that a copy of the 2013/2014 Budget was available for those interested. She also reviewed September's financial statement, of which a copy can be viewed on the Orchestra/O.P.A. website and is attached to these minutes.

A clarifying question was asked about last year's "Taylor Kline scholarship". After the explanation was given, a discussion occurred about naming one of the annual scholarships the "Taylor Kline Memorial Scholarship". (this topic had been previously discussed last school year)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Poinsettia Fundraiser** – Christy Sellers gave this report on behalf of Martha Hoelscher who was unable to attend the meeting. A total of 883 plants were sold and ordered (in addition to 13 extra plants to meet potential late orders). Plants sales plus "busy parent buyout" donations totaled \$11,775! (O.P.A. receives a \$5.90 per plant profit from the sales)

**Old Business** – Roxy Tucker (Secretary) pointed out she neglected to call for approval of the minutes from the final meeting of the 2012/2013 school year during September's meeting. It was not necessary to read those minutes as they had been posted for review on the Orchestra/O.P.A. website over the summer. Amy Glass moved and Christy Sellers seconded the motion for approval.

Roxy then read the minutes of September's meeting and requested approval. Kathy Ross motioned and Amy Glass seconded the approval.

**Wrap-Up** – Before adjourning the meeting, there was a question and discussion regarding the annual Spring Banquet. A brief explanation was given to those in attendance who are new to CyWoods Orchestra. More details will follow as the year progresses.

The meeting ended at approximately 6:50 p.m. The next meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary