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Cypress Woods O.P.A. Meeting November 4, 2013

Ms. Victoria Campion, Orchestra Director, opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. In addition to Ms. Campion, there were 12 attendees including O.P.A. officers Amy Glass (President), Patricia Kirkpatrick (Vice President), Christy Sellers (Treasurer), and Roxann Tucker (Secretary).

Welcome - Ms. Campion welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Spring Festival Orchestra Trip – Ms. Campion reminded those in attendance the second payment is due the next day, Tuesday, November 5th. The current price of the trip remains set at \$385.00 per student. However, it was pointed out there are a number of students who have yet to finalize their registration for the trip by making an initial payment, therefore, the cost could change depending on the final number of attendees. She made it known that even if a student could only submit a lesser amount as a deposit that would be very helpful.

Ms. Campion also mentioned that some families have contacted her to let her know they plan to travel to Austin separately but attend as many events as possible with the Orchestra. Families who wish to do this are most welcome, however, to be an official chaperone one must sign-up and travel with the Orchestra group. She will make every effort to obtain admission price information for the various events/venues.

Winter Concert - Ms. Campion reminded attendees about the upcoming Winter Concert which is to be held Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. There will be an opportunity to order a CD recording that includes both the Fall and Winter Concerts. A form will be sent closer to the date.

Solo and Ensemble – Ms. Campion next discussed initial preparations for the Solo & Ensemble contest that will take place in the second semester. It was pointed out that even if a student is NOT planning to participate in the actual contest, they ARE REQUIRED to prepare a solo and ensemble piece. This is an actual “Unit” of study to expose the students to the process of preparing a piece and performing (even if it is only in front of their orchestra group).

It was explained that Ensemble music is generally purchased (and originals kept) by the school while Solo music is not. Ms. Campion encourages students to keep their music as part of their music portfolio, even after the contest has passed.

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 include O.P.A. membership and Friends of O.P.A.

The Secretary then read the minutes of October’s meeting and requested approval. Mona Rosenfeld made a motion to approve and Martha Hoelscher seconded the approval. A vote was taken and the minutes approved.

Treasurer’s report – Christy Sellers reviewed October’s financial statement, of which a copy can be viewed on the Orchestra/O.P.A. website and is attached to these minutes.

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Final figures were given regarding the Poinsettia fundraiser and it was pointed out that funds were used to purchase a (much needed) new scanner to be kept in the Orchestra office. The amounts are included in the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Poinsettia Fundraiser –Martha Hoelscher, committee chair, reminded those in attendance of the delivery date for the plants, which happens to be the same day as the Winter Concert. She explained the need for volunteers the day of delivery to help unload the truck and organize plants for distribution to students for delivery. She will send an e-mail request for volunteers shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Banquet – Mona Rosenfeld was introduced as Chair of this committee. Mona gave an update on plans for the annual end-of-year banquet. Enchanted Cypress (event venue) has been reserved for Sunday, May 11th (which also happens to be Mother’s Day). More information will be given at the next meeting as a well as volunteer needs discussed.

Hospitality – President Glass introduced Kathy Ross as the Chair of this committee. She thanked Kathy for volunteering for this position. She also explained how Kathy had graciously given of her time to ensure the students received a treat after the Fall Concert despite having only taking on the chair position shortly before.

As it was explained at previous meetings, a treat of some sort will be given to the students in the place of after-concert receptions. Kathy saw to it each student received a “goodie bag” the day after the Fall Concert as a “Thank you for a job well done!” She is planning to hand out a treat immediately after the Winter Concert. This will help ensure the Band and Choir students who are participating receive the thank-you as well.

Discussion regarding the annual classroom Secret Santa Gift Exchange took place. It was explained parents will be asked to donate refreshments for the students to enjoy during their respective classroom celebrations.

Old Business – O.P.A. is still in need of a volunteer to take over Webmaster duties from Stephanie Wilson, the current webmaster whose student has graduated from CyWoods.

Wrap-Up- Ms. Champion gave information regarding the upcoming Honor Orchestra Concert that is usually held sometime in late January. Clear Lake High School is this year’s winner. Excellent music is sure to be enjoyed by those in attendance. This is also an opportunity to hear the same music that will be played at the upcoming T.M.E.A. (Texas Music Educators’ Association) conference.

The meeting ended at approximately 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is January 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary