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## **Cypress Woods O.P.A. Meeting January 13, 2014**

Patricia Kirkpatrick, O.P.A. Vice President, opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. Victoria Campion, Orchestra Director was delayed in getting to the meeting as she was finishing an orchestra rehearsal with the students. Amy Glass, O.P.A. President, was unable to attend the meeting due to an illness in her family. In addition to Ms. Kirkpatrick and Ms. Campion, there were 14 attendees including O.P.A. officers Christy Sellers (Treasurer) and Roxann Tucker (Secretary).

**Welcome** - Ms. Kirkpatrick welcomed those in attendance, thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting and explained Ms. Campion's delay and Ms. Glass' absence.

### **O.P.A. BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's report** – Christy Sellers reviewed the latest financial statement, a copy can be viewed on the Orchestra/O.P.A. website and is attached to these minutes. Ms. Sellers also reported that the appropriate tax information had been filed for the year.

The Secretary then read the minutes of November's meeting and requested approval. Jolie Coon made a motion to approve and Patricia Kirkpatrick seconded the approval. A vote was taken and the minutes approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Hospitality** – Kathy Ross explained her role to those present in case they were not already aware and gave a summary of what has been provided to the students so far this year from this committee.

**Banquet** – Mona Rosenfeld gave an update on plans for the annual end-of-year banquet. The details of which are as follows:

Venue - Enchanted Cypress

Date - Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (which also happens to be Mother's Day).

It was explained that originally a later date had been booked but the Enchanted Cypress management informed they had accidentally double-booked that date. Ms. Campion was going to check into the possibility of a discount due to the mistake as Enchanted Cypress did not give us a choice, they automatically gave the original date to the other group that had been double-booked.

Ms. Rosenfeld reported she is involving the Orchestra Student Officers in the planning of the event including the theme and the possibility of holding a car wash as a fundraiser to help reduce the price of the tickets to the event. (Senior students traditionally attend free but lower classmen are charged for their ticket.)

It was suggested due to the event being held on Mother's Day, that some sort of recognition of the mothers in attendance be considered.

Ms. Rosenfeld reminded those in attendance that chaperones for the event will be needed.

**Spring Festival Orchestra Trip** – Ms. Campion explained the final payment amount for the trip was not yet known but estimates it will be calculated by the following week, notices will go out to families informing what is still owed by student.

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**Solo and Ensemble** – Ms. Campion next reminded parents of the upcoming Solo & Ensemble contest (February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) and the need for continued at-home practice by all participants.

Ms. Campion stressed the importance regular practice for ALL students, not just those participating in the Solo/Ensemble contest. 30 minutes per day is the ideal.

**Picture Day** – Group and individual pictures will be taken the Friday of this same week. Formal uniforms are required to be worn. There is no cost to the student unless they wish to purchase a package. Details will be sent home with students.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced there is a Houston Youth Symphony performance scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> (which is the evening before the festival trip) if anyone is interested in attending.

O.P.A. is now registered with Kroger's Share program. Those wishing to participate can link their Kroger card to Cy-Woods Orchestra and a portion of each transaction will be donated back to our group.

There was a brief discussion of how to get more parents to attend O.P.A. meetings. Those in attendance expressed their pleasure in the fact the meeting times have decreased significantly than in past years. Perhaps if this fact was known, more would be willing to attend.

It was also mentioned the weekly updates from Ms. Campion & Ms. Hermann have proved very informative and helpful to the parents.

The meeting ended at approximately 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Roxann (Roxy) Tucker  
Secretary