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Cypress Woods O.P.A. Meeting April 7, 2014

Amy Glass, O.P.A. President, opened the meeting at 6:05 P.M. In addition to Ms. Glass, Ms. Victoria Campion (Orchestra Director) and Ms. Jennifer Hermann (Assistant Orchestra Director), there were 70 attendees including O.P.A. officers Patricia Kirkpatrick (Vice President), Christy Sellers (Treasurer) and Roxann Tucker (Secretary).

Welcome – President Glass welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting. She then called for an approval of the minutes from the last meeting held January 7, 2014. (Copies were distributed to attendees upon arrival in lieu of reading of the minutes.) Lisa Henney made a motion to approve the minutes, Debbie Brandon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

O.P.A. BUSINESS

Treasurer's report – Christy Sellers reviewed the latest financial statement, a copy of which can be viewed on the Orchestra/O.P.A. website and is attached to these minutes. O.P.A.'s cash balance as of March 31, 2014 is \$10,709.02.

Ms. Sellers explained that the organization has been registered with Kroger for participation in the Kroger Share program. To date 7 households had linked their Kroger cards to Cy-Woods Orchestra earning the organization approximately \$59.00. Complete information including instructions can be found on the O.P.A. website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Theme – Celebrate Around the World

Venue - Enchanted Cypress

Date - Sunday, May 11th, 5:00-9:00 p.m. (which also happens to be Mother's Day).

Ms. Rosenfeld reported the Orchestra students are planning to hold a car wash fundraiser Saturday, April 19th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Walgreen's nearest the intersection of Highway 290 and Cypress-Rosehill Road. More information including the opportunity to sign-up to work a shift will be given to students during class. Ms. Rosenfeld asked parents to consider chaperoning as adults are necessary to oversee the event. Donations of old towels are requested as well as the use of hoses and sprayers for the event.

Donations of gift cards are requested to be used as gifts/prizes to be given out at the banquet. \$10 increments to the following businesses are highly recommended: Target, Starbucks, Cinemark Theater and Chick-Fil-A.

Ms. Rosenfeld reminded those in attendance that chaperones will be needed the night of the banquet.

The dress code for the event was also reviewed – this is a dressy occasion calling for “Sunday best” including appropriate footwear. Please no shorts or jeans.

Hospitality – Kathy Ross reported O.P.A. provided pizza and water for the after-school clinics the students attended in order to prepare for U.I.L. Cy-Woods O.P.A. also hosted a Judges Hospitality Room during the Full Orchestra U.I.L Contest which took place March 27th.

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It was decided because the End-of-Year Banquet is being held two days after the Spring Concert no treats will be provided to the students. The banquet is a sufficient way to express gratitude to the students for what is certain to be an excellent performance.

Fishburn Drives – Lisa Henney was introduced as the new Chair for this committee. The previous Chair, Tammy Bitter, moved at the end of the Fall semester. Ms. Henney gave a brief reminder/overview of what takes place at the Drives and how O.P.A. members are requested to assist.

The Drives begin in May. A sign-up using the website SignUp Genius will be sent via e-mail to all O.P.A. members within the next few weeks. It was pointed-out that bi-lingual adults are of special benefit to Mr. Fishburn therefore O.P.A. will be paid double for any provided.

Although students are unable to officially work the Drives, it was suggested that bi-lingual students be used to assist with translations during the events. Ms. Henney will check with Mr. Fishburn regarding this idea.

Ms. Champion pointed out the importance of this fundraising opportunity as historically it has earned O.P.A. a great amount of money. If we are unable to fully staff the various Drives, Mr. Fishburn may be forced to turn to other groups for help.

Scholarship Committee – due to time-constraints, this topic listed on the agenda was postponed until the next meeting.

2014/2015 Officers & Committee Chair openings – due to time-constraints, this topic listed on the agenda was postponed until the next meeting. A brief mention of current officers was given as well as what Committee Chair positions will come open for next year.

The meeting was then turned-over to Ms. Champion for discussion of the Spring Festival Orchestra Trip.

Spring Festival Orchestra Trip – Ms. Champion reminded those in attendance a packet of information was available for pick-up upon entrance to the meeting. She proceeded to review the contents. A copy of the packet can be found on the Orchestra/O.P.A. website. Ms. Champion explained she will e-mail a copy to all families later in the week.

The signature page acknowledging the Zero-Tolerance policy (which Ms. Champion reviewed) is requested to be returned as soon as possible. Ms. Champion also requested that updated contact information be given.

Ms. Champion stressed the importance of continued regular practice for all students as each orchestra continues to prepare for the upcoming U.I.L. contests as well as the Festival Trip.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is May 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary