

Stevenson High School  
String Parents' Association  
March 11, 2019  
Orchestra Room

Attendance: Anthony Krempa, Goma Srinivasan, Judy Zeller, Shirley Combes, Elisabeth Ellis, Rick Wachtel, Leah Rosenberg, Wei Liu, and Michelle Fujioka.

- I. Call to Order: 6:38 PM
- II. Director's Report
  - a. ASTA Conference
    - i. Performance and conference went well
    - ii. Connected with groups in New York, East Coast, and West Coast to do future collaborations
    - iii. Sorting through photos
    - iv. Article to be published in the Strand
    - v. Need to create a blurb for the newsletter
  - b. Upcoming Concerts
    - i. March 19<sup>th</sup>, shorter concert as there was little time between last concert to prepare 2-3 pieces per orchestra with Sr. Soloist Albert Lua performing
    - ii. April 17<sup>th</sup> Baroque concert
  - c. Chicago Tour
    - i. Slated for mid-April
    - ii. There are no concerts coming up at the CSO
    - iii. Will likely tour
  - d. 2019-2020 School Year
    - i. Over 100 new students in class predicted
    - ii. There will be 4 Orchestra Classes and an extra Guitar Class
    - iii. Expected to have 108 Freshmen in Orchestra plus existing Concert Orchestra Students
- III. Secretary's Report (Shirley Combes)
  - a. February meeting minutes reviewed and approved
- IV. Treasurer's Update (Goma Srinivasan for Ramu Amanchi)
  - a. Budget Update
    - i. Goma Reviewed the SPA Budget and we are close to target there is a shortfall that was expected
    - ii. Reviewed Trip Funds and will confirm data. Some items from the itemized sheets did not reflect on the combined sheet.
- V. Committee Updates/Discussion Items
  - a. Communications (Goma Srinivasan for Archana Bindu)
    - i. Next Newsletter in March
    - ii. ASTA Conference paragraph and photos coming soon, sending out as soon as those are provided.
    - iii. Provide feedback on draft newsletter to Archana

- b. Fundraising (Elisabeth & Keith Ellis)
  - i. Restaurant Fundraisers
    - 1. Late Start – Strawberry Fields was a good success (\$100).  
Scheduling for 3/14 and for 4/25 Late Start
    - 2. On The Border for 3/26 All Day
  - ii. Bundt Cakes
    - 1. Will be present at March concert
    - 2. No pre-orders this time
- c. Hospitality (Judy Zeller for Jo Lee)
  - i. Ordering from Noodle & Company
  - ii. Google Doc menu ready and sent to Directors
  - iii. All Orders needed by this Friday
  - iv. Had Archana enter menu in the newsletter
- d. Membership/Donations (Leah Rosenberg)
  - i. Membership
    - 1. Booklet procured for uniform pins
    - 2. Ordering pins in July for August arrival
  - ii. Sponsorship
    - 1. No Update
- e. Uniforms (Rick Wachtel/Helen He)
  - i. Primary Tuxedo Collection post 3/19 Concert
  - ii. 6 Volunteers Needed
  - iii. Grocery Bags
  - iv. 4 Racks in Orchestra Room
  - v. Reserve Midi-Lab or other space to allow for changing
  - vi. Notify Students and Parents of expected collection date is immediately following 3/19 concert
  - vii. Communication content: turn in Tux Jacket, Tux Pants, and Suit Bag with Name and Period sticker still on the bag.
  - viii. Verbally announce during concert as a reminder
  - ix. Schedule meeting within the next 6 weeks to discuss what uniform items to order for 2019-2020 school year
  - x. Request Sally order a full set of polo sizes for fittings
- f. Trip Treasurer (Wei Liu)
  - i. Raffle
    - 1. Researching the steps will continue to reach out to Sandra to get permission to complete the raffle. The form is from the village and requires names of Raffle Committee personnel
    - 2. Three positions Ticket Sales (2) and Treasurer (1)
    - 3. Proposed sales dates: 2-1 through 3/16
    - 4. Pull Raffle during Parent Concert pre departure
    - 5. Predicted process each traveler sells 10 tickets minimum
    - 6. 5 for \$100 or \$25 each
  - ii. Other Use Of Funds

1. Need to research with Band and Choir on how they address
  2. Suggestions: small trips to Chicago, music lessons, school organized trips and workshops
  3. Pending Mr. Grice approval
- g. Scholarships (Judy Zeller)
- i. Four applicants for Orchestra and Zero for Guitar
  - ii. Directors to look over the applicants and supply their input
  - iii. Request Directors try to poll to find out why there were zero applicants for guitar
  - iv. Winner to be chosen by April 1st
- h. Volunteers (Judy Zeller for Sherry Pi)
- i. Volunteer signup was posted for 3/19 concert, need more volunteers for the table
  - ii. Michelle Fujioka provided Judy Zeller with the contact of the music teacher at Aptakistic and posted flyer to the Aptakistic Facebook page. Judy will be contacting the feeder schools Aptakistic, Twin Groves, Woodlawn, and Daniel Wright for volunteer advertising.
- i. Silent Auction (Goma Srinivasan)
- i. Currently only have two items.
  - ii. Looking for 6-8 items for the auction
    1. 2-5hr blocks of Tutoring \$1050
    2. 2 hours of college counseling \$350
    3. Leah - working on Guitar Lessons
    4. Judy working on Solo Classics Basket
    5. Elisabeth working on Sweet Basket (Bundt Cake)
    6. Shirley working on Valley Of The Kings Sanctuary and Retreat Basket
- VI. Members at Large (Goma Srinivasan for Manisha Dharrao)
- a. Nothing to report
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment: 7:54PM

**Next SPA Meeting: April 8, 2019**