

OPA Monthly Meeting

Minutes

Date and Time: Date: 4/08/2013 Time: 7-8pm

Attendees: Mr. Valiseco Helen Wang
 Mr. Bobek Grace Zheng
 Xiangdong Xu Jason Cheng
 Pearl Lai Eunjoon Hwang
 Sujatha Karoor Hiesean Ryu
 Madena Lu

Minute Taker: Sujatha Karoor

Agenda Items		
Topic & Presenter	Issues/Proposals/Actions	
OPA website	Update the website with the movie from Mr. V. Xiangdong to share the information using dropbox or Google drive with Grace	Grace/Xiangdong
Senior Scholarship	Scholarship for Seniors: Seniors can apply for the scholarship if they choose to have a major or minor in music. The applications are available at (need the information). Students are required to pay the OPA fee to be eligible. The applications go through the college prep office. There is a selection committee (collage prep office which includes Dr, Diethrich and some parents). This year there were 6 applicants only 4 were eligible as two did not pay OPA fees. Only one will be selected for the \$500.00 dollars scholarship.	
Financials	Pearl Lai to follow up with Sean Carey about management of funds. Choir went with Sean. Band decided not go with the school. Need to understand the pro and cons going with Sean	Pearl to speak with Sean and will invite him next meeting in May if required.
OPA online list	Mr. V to try contacting the Stevenson legal dept.	Need to work with Stevenson high school legal dept. Mr. V to take the lead to contact
IHSA	6 buses and need 6 Chaperones: 4 buses will depart at 6:15AM and will be back at 12:15pm (Concert and Patriot Orchestra students in the bus). 2 other buses will leave at 9:15 AM and will be back 2:15pm (Symphony Orchestra students in the bus) Volunteers for 6:15AM bus Sujatha, Xiangdong Xu, Eunjoon , Pearl 9:15AM bus : Madena & Victor	Location: Lakes High School in Lake Villa. Need water (Mr. V to find out if Julie will provide) and light snack- fresh fruit apples bananas, (no nuts or peanuts)

Fundraiser Information	Ravinia (this could be an outing for the parents and student and have more parents join the OPA)	Nina to follow up.
April 17th concert	Need more donations for the April 17 th concert. Madena to resend the request to all parents and have the information in the email itself and not the attachment. Or have as a PDF document. Need a list for the pre-concert dinner. Bobek will hire a professional photographer for the April 17 th concert. He will charge \$300.00 for the CD and will give 50 pictures of our choice free with the CD. Set-up table with pictures from this concert so students can order the pictures that they want. Bobek will have more information/options.	Madena/ Bobek/Xiangdong Xu. Madena Please send out an email if you need more donations.
Awards	Need a list from Mr. Bobek to print the awards. Printing can be done at the school using the new printer.	Xiangdong Xu & Bobek
Spain Trip	Mr. V is open to having one or two parents volunteer to be a chaperone this year if the Board is okay. No decision was made. They need a nurse and Stevenson staff members to go with the kids. Every 10 kids need one chaperone (excluding the director). So far we have only 12-15 kids need at least 30 kids by May30th. Planners need to do a better job of advertizing for the Spain trip. Mr. V will work more closely with Joy on planning. Mr. V was not very sure about Argentina for the next location. Safety was an issue and additional \$160 dollars is required for the Visa. Flights were also expensive. He was thinking about England or France.	Board to make a decision. Mr. V to send email to advertize the Spain trip.
SHS Clinicians	Bring in the Salsa group. Pearl mentioned we are okay if we have to contribute towards the clinician workshop	
Uniform	Uniform return date will be April 22 nd and April 23 rd . Student can return without dry cleaning with a \$10.00 check or cash. Parents will be in on April 22 nd and April 23 rd . May concert will be in polo shirt and khaki pants. Need to have enough polo shirts if people need to buy. If anyone need a polo will have to email Eunjoon	

Gina Devello 1999 graduate has got a job with CSO playing first Violin. He will invite her to come and speak with the kids.