**Grove Orchestra Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2019**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Mrs. Berger, Agnes El Yakine, Suzi Hicks****, Chris Kolcz, Ray Szull**

**UPDATES:**

**Treasurer: Balance $3724.81. Each member received a handout of the current and future projected expenses. Instrument repairs and flowers have been eliminated for the future 2019-2020 budget. The 8th grade end of year party has also been removed from the budget. Something on a smaller scale and/or having students put in funds for the 8th grade end of year party will be discussed later. For now, we will keep the projected amount for the awards/pins.**

**The Edgar Gabriel visit will be put on hold at this time. Mrs. Berger will reach out to Sue Blaese to discuss her visit to work with the students. The group approved $200 for this visit.**

**Winter concert- blizzards-$551.50 in cash given to Suzi. Check needed for $446.50 to pay for the blizzards. Profit $105 before cash sales. Total 190 blizzards ordered. 156 pre-purchased. Opportunity to make $136 for the extra 34 ordered depending on sales****. Volunteers for the concert will be contacted by Suzi to help at this concert.**

**Thanks to Agnes for measuring and ordering the tuxedo shirts. Agnes also volunteered to inventory the ties and cummerbunds after the winter concert.**

**PTO asked all the school organizations to make a Facebook page. Suzi started the Grove Orchestra Association page. This page can be used to promote fundraisers and events.**

**Suzi asked if we want to obtain a debit card for the checking account. The consensus was to continue to use checks for now.**

**Volunteer chair signs have been made for the concert volunteers.**

**Patron Of The Arts- Poster boards to advertise will be placed in the lunchroom and at the entrance to the gym. We will have a volunteer to be available to collect Patron of the Arts donations after the concerts.**

**8th grade trip to the Midwest Conference on December 20th- The student payments were given to the treasurer. Mrs. Berger received some free ribbons for entry to the conference. Students will come dressed for the event to school on that day. The students will eat lunch before leaving for the event. The district agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost of the bus. It was decided that we will ask the school to pay $380. The $190 cash tip and $570 will be our cost. The district will write the check for the total and then we will pay the school our portion. The total is $1140.**

**7th grade- Illinois Asta Clinic was on Dec. 6th- Mrs. Berger stated it was a good experience and she received good feedback from the students and educators.**

**6th grade outing will be discussed at a later meeting. Mrs. Berger will think of some ideas for this event.**

**Concerns regarding the even distribution of funds for each grade for events was mentioned. It was discussed that each school year brings different opportunities for each grade and this will need to be taken on a year to year basis.**

**We have 6 extra orchestra shirts. An idea from Mrs. Berger is to have a raffle for these shirts at future events. The group agreed.**

**Next meeting Feb 10th**

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

**-*Mrs. Berger* - report on Midwest Conference**

**- follow up on Sue Blaese visit**

**- 6th grade event ideas/plans**

**-*Agnes*- Determine number of ties and cummerbunds needed**

**-*Suzi*- Follow up on new Patron of the Arts donations**

**-*Ray*- Dairy Queen update/profit from winter concert**

***-All*- Discuss items/details regarding food sales with band for the Fine Arts Fest and then the Solo/Ensemble concert**

**-*All*- Finalize plans for Orchestra shirt raffle**