Grove Orchestra Association

Monday, February 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mrs. Berger- President, Mrs. York-Treasurer, Tori Keane- committee member, Jennifer Malone-Secretary

Approval of Minutes from 1/10/22, reviewed and approved by all

5th grade Orchestra Sign-up: approximately 50 students enrolled in January and have been working with Ms. Guilani in the orchestra program.

Guest Instructors: Sue Blaese- worked with students this past month. Edgar Gabriel of Elmhurst and Harper College will be working with students March 15th. Guest musicians help students expand their musical background by learning techniques such as improvisation.

IGSMA: Saturday, March 12th

Our 8th grade orchestra will travel to Indian Trail Jr. High, in Addison for the event this year. Performance is scheduled for 1:40pm. Permission slips have already gone out to parents.

Solo and Ensemble Contest: Wednesday, April 6th hosted by Grove Jr. High: This is a District-wide competition open to all band and orchestra students. They have the option to participate in either a solo or an ensemble. We will need volunteers to help with room supervision and request for this support with go out to parents via Mrs. Berger at a later date. The GOA will help to fund food for judges, medals for students, and our pianist Ms. Tina Laurenz.

Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 11th

The District has approved the following format for the evening concert: 5:30pm Concert for 6th and 7th grade and a 7:30pm concert for 5th and 8th grade orchestras. At this time, we aren’t sure how many people will be allowed to attend per student.

End of Year Awards:

* 8th graders will receive an orchestra medal with their name, instrument, and school on the back. GOA will cover the cost of this purchase (~$5/student +$15 for engraving). Mrs. Berger will connect with the company she’s used in the past.
* 5th graders typically receive an orchestra pin (~$3/student)

“Karate-belt” Scale Prize Incentives: $250 has been allotted to spend on prizes for this quarter. Students have enjoyed this program, so we feel it is appropriate to increase the amount to allow for a wide variety of large and small prize availability.

8th grade End of Year Celebration: 5/12 or 5/19 after school

Parents will be responsible for dropping off and picking students up from the location. At this time, we are still looking into Main Event in Hoffman Estates and Urban Air in Bloomingdale.

Main Event has Thursday, May 12th available. Cost is $20.95/person and $5/chaperone, which includes 2 slices of pizza/drink, all access pass. As more information becomes available, Jennifer will share it with the committee.

Next Meeting Monday, April 4th at 6pm on Zoom.