**Grove Orchestra Meeting**

**September 21, 2019**

**ATTENDEES: Mrs. Berger, Agnieszka El Yakine, Suzi Hicks, Chris Kolcz, Ray Szull**

**UPDATES:**

Treasurer- Balance- $3571.41

Coupon books fundraiser- 51 books sold (up from 48 last year) and 9 not returned (down from 17 last year). Total Profit $637.50.

Gift card winners for top coupon book sales:

6th grade- Alia Sagerer

7th grade- (tied) Alexander Boev and Murray Pollu

8th grade- Adam Kingery

Suzi will buy the $10 Starbucks gift cards for the winners.

Spirit Wear sales went well. Thanks to Mrs. Schafer and Mrs. Goeringer for organizing the sale.

Patron of the Arts- Total donations so far, $850.00. Parents can still give donations if interested. We will list the names of the donators in the winter program brochure. There was a suggestion for an insert to be placed in the winter program brochures to advertise the Patron of Arts. Posters listing persons who donated worked well as we received 2 more donations after the concert. We can put the posters in the gym and in the lunchroom after future concerts.

Hauntcert – was a fun and successful event. $65.95 was used to purchase the candy.

Agnes is working on the Tuxedo shirt orders/payments and then will meet with Suzi to get the check to make the payment.

Mrs. Berger contacted Edgar Gabriel about coming to work with the students, possibly on Jan. 30th. His fees are $400. He will teach the kids basics about improvisation. The students in the past have enjoyed it. Mrs. Berger would also like to have Sue Blaze, who is a retired orchestra teacher, come on Feb. 24th to work with the 8th graders. Her charge is $100. Mrs. Berger was given approval to book these 2 visits totaling $500. Ray mentioned that we survey the kids after these types of events to see if they enjoyed it. Mrs. Berger agreed.

6th grade field trip will be to see the CSO for a student concert at The Symphony Center. The potential date is Friday, May 1st. Mrs. Berger will check with Mr. Harrington to see if the date can be approved. The cost of tickets is about $7 per child and there are 52 students in 6th grade.

6th grade-will be doing a new practice challenge where the students advance way through the book and turn in recordings. Mrs. Berger requested to be given an amount that she can spend on prizes.

Reserved seats will be given for volunteers at the concerts. Will make laminated signs, 2 seats per volunteer. Signs will say Reserved for Grove Orchestra seats volunteers.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Nov. 2nd- ILMEA festival

Nov. 7th- (8th grade) High school night

December 6th -(7th grade) -Asta Clinic. Students will Leave at approximately 9:30 and return by the end of the day. Students will go to Portillos and pay for their own lunch.

Dec 11th- winter concert- Ray will organize the Dairy Queen fundraiser. Due date for pre-orders will be Nov. 25th before the Thanksgiving holiday. We will need 4 volunteers for each concert.

Dec. 20th -Midwest Clinic at McCormick - We will look into ordering a coach bus for this event. Mrs. Berger will call bus companies to get price quotes. Noon departure and return approx. 7p-7:30p. Students will bring their own lunch. Lou Malnatis was suggested as a place for dinner after the event. The order will be placed beforehand for pizza and salad. Ray will call Lou Malnati’s and get prices and inquire about seating or possibly a party room. One child has a gluten allergy. Mrs. Berger will send home permission slips and request student choice of toppings for pizza.

March 7th- Fine Arts Fest. We will work with band to decide on sales. Suzi will try to stop in at a band boosters meeting to see if the band will be joining us in this sale.

April 8th- Solo Ensemble. We will also sell items at this event as a fundraiser. The event usually runs 4p to 8:30pm.

**Next meeting:**

December 9th