Grove Orchestra Meeting

September 9, 2019

ATTENDEES:

☒ Mrs. Berger

☒ Agnieska El Yakine

☐ Kathy Henkelman

☒ Suzi Hicks

☒ Brandie Jevtic

☒ Halina Krupa

☒ Chris Kolcz

☐ Maria Resendiz

☒ Michaela Shafer

☒ Ray Szull

☐ Megan York

**Mrs. Berger’s Report**

ILMEA District 7 Auditions- Sept. 21st (Northbrook Junior High School)- Festival is on November 2nd (Maine West High School) for students chosen to participate.

IGSMA- 8th grade, will be March 14th

Mrs. Berger may like to have a music teacher come in to work with the 8th graders. If the teacher does not request payment, it was mentioned that it would be a good idea to give the teacher a gift card.

Orchestra Spirit Wear-- Mrs. Berger will send out spirit wear forms this week. Prices last year, $15 for tie dye, $12 plain and $23 for hoodie. Due date is Sept. 27th. Mrs. Berger will also send an email to parents. We will buy extra spirit wear to have for front office or as prizes. Michaela volunteered to organize the Spirit wear orders. There is also an 8th grade parent that helped last year, Mrs. Berger will reach out to her to see if she can help again. Any funds left over, will go the orchestra fund.

Uniform tuxedo shirts- $15 is the approximate cost per shirt. Will need parents to help measure/fit 6th graders for these shirts. Agnes volunteered to help with measuring for the shirts. If anyone is available to help, please reach out to Mrs. Berger. Ties and cummerbunds are still in good condition.

Solo/Ensemble- Will be held at Grove this school year on April 8th. We may need volunteers to sell food for a joint fundraiser with band.

6th grade field trip- Elgin Symphony concert was the trip in the past, however this year, it is the same day as an institute day. Mrs. Berger is open to ideas for this field trip. Two ideas that were mentioned are visiting the George Williams College in Lake Geneva or seeing a performance of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Discussed having outside guest come it to work with the students in all grades. Example was Edgar Gabriel.

**Treasurer report**-

Current reserve- $2,225.13- projected spending this year -$1600

**Discussion**

New email for Orchestra-Groveorchestra59@gmail.com

Mrs. Berger will send out Patron of Orchestra forms and volunteer forms, due September 27th.

Discussed possibility of reserved seat for volunteers during concerts. Idea was for volunteers being able to reserve 2-4 seats.

Fine Arts fest- (visual and performing arts) will be at Grove on March 7th for the D59 Junior High Cluster. Great outreach opportunity and occurs once every 3 years. It is usually 1p-3pm. There may be a 7th and 8th grade performance and the band will also perform. Little Caesars Pizza and donated items were sold in the past.

Kids’ Stuff/Save Around Coupon book fundraiser will start this week and end on Sept. 27th. Cost of each book is $25. Grove Orchestra will get $12.50 for each book sold. Students get one free book for every 5 books sold. Parents may send in cash/check or pay with credit card online. We will do a contest for the top seller of each grade. $20 gift card to Starbucks for each winner.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019**

October 16th- 8th grade concert –(Hauntcert) We have plenty of decorations. Student volunteers will hang decorations after school. We may want to hang up flyers around the school to advertise more. Students can help make posters. Mrs. Berger will also have the concert mentioned during morning announcements. Mrs. Berger will discuss the dress code for concert with students. Suzi and Chris volunteered to help with set up and tear down decorations. All welcome to help if available. 6th-7th Students will hand out candy. No nuts or chocolate for the treats. Other ideas are pretzels and other non-sugary snacks.

Nov 7th- 8th grades performing at EGHS Jr/Sr Night

Dec 6th- 7th graders at going to the first Illinois Asta Orchestra clinic. Students get feedback from 2-3 clinicians.

Dec. 11th- 5th-8th grade Winter concert.

Dec. 20th- 8th grade has been asked to perform at the Midwest Clinic at McCormick place. This event draws educators from different states and countries. Scheduled for 3p-4pm. Coach bus is a possibility for transportation to the event, pending fundraising.

NEXT MEETING:

October 21st