**Grove Orchestra Association Meeting**

**September 13, 2016**

In attendance: Carolyn Berger, Rosa Bledsoe, Colleen Carlberg, Marilin Marzan, Tess Setchell, Megan York

Treasurer’s report:

* $1600 in account
* Currently enough bow ties and cummerbunds.  8th graders will wear green, 6th and 7th grade can wear pink and purple.
* May need to buy more black cummerbunds. “Mrs. Berger’s Wish List” to be reviewed and funds applied in priority order.
* Ice Cream party at the end of the school year and Pins to be covered
* Supplement for Field Trips granted

Mrs. Berger’s Report:

* Students no longer are required to turn in a practice log. Mrs. Berger would like each student to take responsibility for practice time and working toward their own goals.
* Each Section of students now logs progress for the group and has a section leader
* Student Counts are 8th Grade = 31, 7th Grade = 42, 6th Grade = 50
  + 8th and 7th Grade are in one period per grade level. They are doing well with setting up, moving furniture, and sitting down to work as fast as they can
  + 6th Grade is taught during 2 separate periods
* 8th Grade has a High school night on Night on November 10th
* 8th Grade party 2017 to be at Dave and Busters
* 7th Grade has a clinic coming up on November 10th at Niles West

Fundraisers:

* Fannie May was the last 2 years.  Our profit is only $0.35 per bar.  Decided to explore other possible fund raisers to raise the profit margin of efforts
* Concessions
  + Concerts, Solo Ensemble, and Fine Arts Festival will be hosted by Grove Junior HS for this school year. Those are opportunities for concessions which will include, but are not limited to Blizzards, beverages, snacks, and Boxed Lunches
  + Volunteers to be coordinated with Sign Up Genius by Rosa Bledsoe
* New Ideas for FALL FUNDRAISER:
  + Little Caesar’s – Colleen will look into this
  + Coupon book - Colleen will look into this
  + Affy Tapples – Gina looked into this. They will be sold during conferences for $1.50 each. We will do as long as Grove Principal gives us the ok - Mrs. Berger to email Mr. Harrington
  + Poinsettias for Holiday Concert – Gina looked into the pricing and coordination – did not get much excitement from meeting participants given the coordination of distributing to the correct families at multiple time frames on a pretty busy day already

Dine and Shares

* Difficult to get dine and shares.  Don’t get much $.
* Decided to stick with other suggested fund raisers for this school year

Blizzard sales

* Easy to do after concerts.  The tricky part is getting parent volunteers.
* Parent volunteers can be resolved with “Sign Up Genius” – Rosa Bledsoe to manage for performances and other volunteer events throughout the school year

Orchestra Shirt Orders

* Fittings to be done during school hours on Thursday, September 22nd
* Volunteers to help Mrs Berger with fittings are Colleen Carlberg, Marilin Marzan, and Megan York
* Mrs. Berger and Marilin Marzan will coordinate placing the shirt order after fittings are completed

Mrs. Berger’s Wish List

1. Cummerbunds and ties to replace current - 2 sets (60 Black and 60 gold) @ $9.50/set Approved – Mrs. Berger to order for deliver before the first concert of the year
2. 2 cello stools – Mrs. Berger to check with District 59 first to see if anything in budget remaining for furniture improvements
3. Edgar Gabriel to be booked sometime in the future to work with the students - Approved – Mrs. Berger to explore date of availability
4. Commission a Piece for Grove Orchestra and/or District 59 Orchestra

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2016