**Grove Orchestra Association Meeting Minutes 11.29.2016**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Reviewed and handed out to committee members

**Mrs. Berger’s Report:**

Nov 10th – 7th graders played at Niles west and got wonderful compliments. Received an edited video of the performance. Shared with the kids on the classroom site – ask your child to see it.

8th Graders performed side by side with the high school orchestra – great experience bringing into the next year

Current 5th graders are at a decision point for continuing orchestra or not in the 6th grade (February).

Day before break – 8th graders will be playing during assembly

Secret Santa on December 12th for the students to opt into

6th graders had their first combined rehearsal today (11.29.16) they sounded good together and are ready for the upcoming concert on December 7th

**Old Business:**

Coupon Books will be distributed during the next few days

* December 12th - $$, book orders, and books returned by this date
* Each student will receive a book that the family can buy, return, or take orders with
* Order 5 books and get one free
* Coupons in the book are all local stores and expire more than one year from now (December 2017)

Winter Concert: Wednesday December 7th

Cummerbunds arrived and are now tagged with each student’s name – to sign in and out for concerts (Thanks Tess)

Gold – 6th grade Purple – 7th Green – 8th

* Sign up Genius to be created by Rosa for concert day help. 2 volunteers needed for each 5pm and 7pm

Blizzard Sales – due tomorrow November 30th

* Sign up genius – 4 for each concert post party – Rosa will create sign up and send to Mrs. Berger to forward

CSO field trip coming up – Thursday, February 9th

* 83 responded so far, 123 total students possible

**New Business**

Dine and Share – February 15th at the Itasca location

Arts Festival – Saturday, Feb 25th

* Art work, Band and Orchestra will be performing (open house hours with scheduled performances throughout)
* Start thinking about which Food Sales (Blizzards, general snacks, water, popcorn)
* Ask local businesses (Sams, Costco, Jewel for donation if buying there for the event)

Solo/Ensemble Event – April 6th

* Start thinking about bake sale or possibly other food sales

**NEXT Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2017**