

EHS Orchestra Booster  
  
March 10, 2015 Minutes  
7:00pm @ EHS Orchestra Room

Attendance: Ruth Striegel, Paco Estrada, Tami Baker, Liz Ziegler, Mary Williams

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.
2. Ruth moved to approve the December 2014 minutes. Paco second.
3. After tonight’s meeting, ***Liz and Mary will write the check for our 501c3 status*** and we will be done!
4. End-of-the-Year banquet – Friday, May 1
   1. The hotel is reserved. ***Liz received the contract today and needs to read through it. She will contact last year’s board for tips on how to reduce the price.*** We will have access to the ballroom from 5pm to midnight. The MCM Elegante has set aside 10 rooms for us if needed at a rate of $72 per night. (Previously, when the spring trip was cancelled, we reserved these rooms for the kids and then went to Old Towne the next day to perform.) Paco suggested a photo booth for the banquet – ***Tami & Mary will gather prices***. We will use a pre-approved iPod playlist with orchestra sound equipment instead of a DJ. A $500 non-refundable deposit is due to the hotel by March 20 at 4pm. We will have an orchestra slideshow w/a portion devoted to the seniors (there are 4). ***Ruth will talk to the seniors about helping to plan.*** We will need a student decoration committee. The seniors usually make paper plate awards for the rest of the students.
5. Class fees
   1. Changes from 2013-2014: no clinicians, no Music at Metro
   2. 42 kids have paid their $75 fee = $3150 collected; 3 kids didn’t pay; 7 kids were excused
   3. Balance of the activity account is $1720; encumbered: $400 bus for MPAF, $40 remote for Zoom, $200 State Contest fee, and $250 music; banquet tickets $640 (40 at $16 each)
   4. In 2014-2015 we spent $450 on 9 concert pieces and $1260 on method books (total $1710)
   5. Projected music costs for 2015-2016: $600 for concert pieces and $400 for method books (total $1000)
6. We brainstormed ways to spend funds next year: local trip, guest artist, commissioned piece, NM Philharmonic, Popejoy.
   1. ***Liz and Ruth will look into local composers for a commissioned piece (Michael Mauldin?)***
7. Ruth distributed the orchestra lettering worksheet. No suggestions were made. 100 points earns a letter and every 100 points after earns a bar.
8. After reading the Survey Monkey results about the spring trip we found it wasn’t very useful information. We received 8 responses and at least 5 of the respondents had signed up for the trip.
9. It has come down from administration that every teacher needs to have a web site. Ruth said our weebly site counts for this. ***Tami will send Ruth the weebly username and password.*** Our site will get linked from the EHS web site. Tami offered her help in case a SchoolLoop site is required.
10. Calendar
    1. Saturday, 4/11, State Orchestra Contest (required for Chamber students that are academically eligible)
       1. We will not get a bus for this contest since it is a Saturday. We can facilitate carpooling if necessary. Parents and families are encouraged to attend as audience members. Ruth has sent in the $200 registration and the schedule will come soon.
    2. Friday, 5/1, Orchestra Banquet, MCM Elegante, evening
    3. Tuesday, 5/5, Orchestra Concert, EHS PAC, 7:00-8:00pm
11. ***Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 7pm***

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.