

PRESTO Minutes

Meeting Date: April 10, 2012 Location: Room 150, SMW

	Topic	Discussion/ Findings	Recommendations / Actions	Follow-Up
	Attendees: Susan Hocker; Elizabeth Uppman, Julia Marquez, Cindy & Steve Lanigan, Rise Strausser, Maria Meyer, Tina Railsback, Kim Martin, Tammy Karsten, & Pam Burnett			
1.	Call to Order/Minutes	The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. The March 27 meeting minutes were approved with a correction to the donation proceeds from the Collage concert.		
2.	Student Officer Requests/Updates	Julia reported that KS Regional concert takes place Apr 18. Preparations to play Psalm and Fugue as well as Capriol Suite are going well. Regional Solo & Ensemble is Saturday Apr 14, and several freshmen and upper classmen will attend. The "Memory Board" in class has finally been updated with photos from this year. Students will update the board in the hall with Orchestra Tees from prior years in time for the 50 th anniversary event. Movie night will be April 27 th , the group has not yet decided on which movie to see. Students are excited to be playing Pirates of the Caribbean (a full orchestra score) at the West Area Festival.	When the hall board is updated, the table cloth is to be removed and returned to Elizazbeth.	
3.	Director Updates/Requests	<p>Regional Solo & Ensemble: Instructions and schedules have been passed out to those attending the State Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival Saturday at Blue Valley HS.</p> <p>State Regional Large Ensemble: Report time (Wed 18th) for chaperones is 11:30. Buses will leave shortly after noon and return at 2:30. Curtis has freshman chaperone parents to ride buses home, but needs volunteers to ride the upper class buses. Curtis reports that this year for the first time, he feels comfortable that the group is well prepared for the contest.</p> <p>50th Anniversary Event (Sunday Apr 15): Curtis learned recently that the school music groups are required to perform at this event (despite being in the midst of state competitions and other school events). Since it is not feasible to prepare 25 minutes of challenging music in 2 weeks, Curtis distributed easy sight-readable music and enlisted a group of volunteers.</p>	<p>Tammy, Elizabeth and, Susan will chaperone. Elizabeth will take senior photos. Elizabeth needs access to the uniform room to see about banquet decorations.</p> <p>Two rehearsals will take place Thursday in Seminar and Friday at 7 AM. The group performs Sunday from approximately 3:30 to 3:50.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instrument polishing cloths. - ladies' gowns -Jeffrey Bishop SMW commissioned music

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		<p>Auditions for Next Year: Material and instructions for the 2012-13 Symphonic orchestra tryouts (first week of May) has been provided to students. Ratings from hired judges will be the primary factor in placing students, but Curtis will have the final decision. This flexibility will come into play for students ranked near the “cutoff”. Student’s maturity, reliability, commitment etc. will factor in. He expects about 36 students to place in the top (Symphonic) orchestra and 20 in the second (Philharmonic) group. This is in line with SM East and SM Northwest approach. In semester 2, the Philharmonic and Freshman orchestras will be combined. Although the 3 orchestra approach is “new” to the current group, there have been 3 orchestras at SMW in all prior years with the exception of the last 2.</p> <p>2012-13 Solo / Ensemble Competition: Curtis recommends that an independent solo/ensemble competition be organized at SMW, next year, for all orchestra students. This would be an alternative to the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) event, designed to provide students a better musical learning experience. Limitations of the KSHAA event are judges can lack high school teaching experience, inconsistent rating procedures, no “judge training” in KS, written comments can lack constructive criticism or contradict the student’s numeric rank and the student has no opportunity to learn first hand from the judge-professional. In addition, only 20 students from SMW can attend. SM East organizes an independent competition & no longer offers the KSHSAA event to its students.</p> <p>Our event would use hired professional judges and accompanists with teaching experience and, e.g. structure 5 minutes of “testing” followed by 10 minutes one-on-one for the student with the professional. All students would be required to participate and it would be scheduled at a time of year with fewer conflicts allowing more preparation time. In order for this to happen, Curtis requested a committee to plan it over the summer. It can be based on the SM East model (& cost) since the</p>	<p>Curtis to contact Johnathan Lane (SM East orchestra director) to see if an East committee parent volunteer will attend the next PRESTO meeting to elaborate.</p> <p>Curtis to notify Charles McLean of intent to organize the event and request addition of \$10 to 2012-13 student orchestra class fees to help cover costs.</p> <p>Committee volunteers are Tina, Rex, Maria, Steve, Cindy, Rise, Pam and Elizabeth</p>	

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		<p>size of their orchestra is very similar to ours.</p> <p>Not participating in KSHSAA would not affect college opportunities since scholarships are based on auditions and don't ask if the student participated in State. The main benefit of KSHSAA is as a resume builder and those who want to participate in State next year would be permitted.</p> <p>Recording Studio: Curtis played an upper orchestra's recording – impressive indeed.</p>		
4.	Year End Banquet	<p>Elizabeth reported that invitations were sent, and we have confirmed catering with Outback Steakhouse. Coolers, cups, plates, drinks and cakes are to be purchased. Programs are in progress, Amy Jo will help. The decoration budget request amount is not known yet. Members are asked to save Bed-Bath-Beyond 20% coupons and pass them along. Rise volunteered to handle fee collection. The senior gift budget is \$216.</p>	<p>A motion was approved to increase the budget by up to an additional \$300 from current, to cover banquet expenses.</p>	<p>-Sponsor seniors' banquet tickets? -Finalize Ticket price -Drinks and Dessert expenses</p>
5.	Treasurer's Update	<p>Kim reported that since there were no expenses or deposits since the last meeting, there is no updated financial report.</p>		
6.	Ways & Means/Fundraising Update	<p>There was no report since Laura King Hagen was absent.</p>		<p>- Peach Wave – West Area Festival, VSO Banner OK? - Next year's Ways & Means incumbent</p>
7.	Scholarships	<p>The deadline for application is Monday April 16. Steve reported that notices were sent to seniors March 27. One application has been received to date.</p>		<p>-Invitation status</p>
8.	New Business	<p>Steve and Cindy Lanigan were nominated as Co-Presidents for next year. Pam Burnett was nominated as Secretary once again. These nominations were approved. The Vice-President position is open.</p>		
9.	Next Meeting	May 8, 2012		
10.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50		

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Date	Concert s	Time
May 1, 2012	West Area Orchestra Festival, West Gymnasium	7:00 pm
May 14, 2012	Spring Concert, West Gymnasium	7:00 pm

Date	Important Dates	
April 14, 2012	Regional Solo/Ensemble, Olathe S HS, Selected students	TBD
April 18, 2012	State Large Ensemble, Blue Valley W HS, All	TBD
April 28, 2012	State Solo/Ensemble, Emporia, Selected students	TBD
May 14, 2012	Orchestra Banquet, West Cafeteria	6:00 PM
Date	PRESTO Meetings	Time
May 8, 2012	PRESTO Meeting	7:00 PM