

PRESTO meeting draft minutes  
November 11, 2008

Boyd Bolter called the meeting to order at 7:07.

### **Reading and approval of October 2008 meeting minutes**

Minutes were approved as read.

### **Treasurer's report**

The only recent expense is for two new dresses. A few more membership dues have been collected. Two tax filings (federal and state) have been turned in by the November deadline. Fees for these filings will be \$40. Rex Railsback reported that the grant from the OP Police Department has been tabled due to budgetary constraints, but will be looked at again in January.

## **Committees**

### **Membership**

Rick Karsten has compiled an up-to-date spreadsheet of members and those who have volunteered for various committees. There is a discrepancy between the number of people on this list and the amount of dues that have been received. Rick will work on reconciling this discrepancy.

### **Website**

Current pictures have been posted on the site.

### **Electronic Communications**

All e-mail problems have now been resolved.

### **PTA**

Susan reports that some orchestra members were National Merit Semifinalists and/or AP Scholars. Susan expressed appreciation for the PRESTO article in the last PTA newsletter. She will report to PTA about the students who made district orchestra and about the tree planted by the orchestra members as a thank you for the new facilities.

### **Print Communications**

District orchestra student news will be sent to the newspapers. They're working on getting information into the Lenexa Centennial.

### **Uniforms**

Students have been reminded to turn in uniform fees if they have not yet been turned in. Boyd suggests that PRESTO should take on the task of contacting parents so that Mr. Mulvenon does not have to spend class time on this issue. Fees not turned in add up to approximately \$400. Boyd will first send an e-mail out reminding parents, and then follow-up phone calls will be made to those who haven't paid. We need to continue discussing the best way of handling this issue so that it goes more smoothly. Two tall dresses have been ordered, at \$65 each. Studs for the boys' shirts have been purchased, as well.

### **Ways and Means**

Basketball concession for Dec. 12: PRESTO will be covering only one stand. We need 2-3 people at 5:00, more people during half time. Stand begins closing at about 8:15. Once Boyd gets the sign-up sheet back from Curtis, he'll send out an e-mail to fill in the volunteer slots.

**Banquet**

There are four freshman parents interested in helping with the banquet. Anita Hawkins will hold the first planning meeting in January.

**Winter Concert**

No refreshments will be served after winter concert, but breakfast will be served the next morning, December 12. Sabrina Crooke will contact parents to bring food for the breakfast.

**Student Officer Report**

Mia Morrow, Emily Miller, and Myra Hawkins were all in attendance. They repeated their thanks for the breakfast after the fall concert and reported on the music they're working on. They mentioned the four students who made district orchestra. They're working on putting together an ensemble to play for two nearby nursing homes on Sunday, December 14. While at the nursing homes they'll host a reception for residents and stay to visit. Participants will be asked to bring cookies to share.

**Director's Report**

Mr. Mulvenon was absent.

**Old Business**

Tree has been planted. Millers found a piece of granite was found to make the plaque. Storage bins have not yet been purchased, nor the closet cleaned and organized. Executive board and committee chair responsibilities list is still in progress.

**New Business**

Kansas City Chamber Players concert might be an educational opportunity we could possibly support for students. Sabrina suggested that students who purchased tickets could be reimbursed with PRESTO funds. We could also encourage the student officers to organize trips to KC symphony events, which are very reasonably priced.

SMW Orchestra students have been invited to assist with West Strings at Rising Star on Thursday afternoons, assisting elementary students in their rehearsals. Several orchestra students have participated in this opportunity.

A committee will start exploring the possibility of creating a scholarship fund for future orchestra trips.

There are signed photographs of celebrities left over from a fundraiser a number of years ago, which could be auctioned, perhaps at the Collage Concert.

A thank you note for a 2008 PRESTO scholarship from Andrew Scott was read.

Next PRESTO meeting date: December 9 at 7:00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07.