

SMW Presto Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

The April meeting of PRESTO for the 2005-06 school year was called to order by President Reid Hillmer at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes from the March 7, 2006 meeting were accepted as written.

The Treasurer's February report was submitted with a current balance of all PRESTO funds as of 3/31/06 as \$8,191.17.

Chair Announcements

Please see the prestowest.org website about ordering orchestra member pictures.

Standing Committees

Chaperone: Will need chaperones for the April 12 State Large Ensemble Contest.

Communication: DVDs of the Collage Concert will not be permitted.

Membership: No report.

Uniforms: The group discussed the idea of a 4-year contract to reduce the need to return uniforms each year. The idea will be forwarded to the uniform chair. Mary Garrett discussed the desire to provide a formal black dress to the women from the Band who participate in the Full Orchestra so they do not "stick out" in their white shirts. The following motion was made by Mary Garrett and seconded by Beth Cicha: "I move that the women in the SMW Band program who participate in Full Orchestra be allowed to borrow a formal black dress under the same contract guidelines as orchestra members." The motion carried.

Ways & Means: Beth Cicha reported she will be calling three businesses that have not remitted advertising fees from the Collage Concert.

Hospitality: Angie Shelton provided tonight's sweet treats. Thank you.

Banquet: Jean Hillmer reported that she will be in contact with Kathy Saenger about booking the caterer for the Orchestra banquet. Kate and Mary Garrett are handling tickets. Stephenie Pino Dressman is overseeing decorations. Angie Shelton volunteered to do orchestra participation certificates for each member and decorate the white envelopes for the certificates, letters and other recognition that will be given out that evening. Envelopes will be organized A to Z with seniors pulled out.

Picnic: A co-chair to work with Hillmers for this event is needed. Game ideas were discussed. The group thought the possibility of getting a "nice" prize donated might increase attendance. Date set for August 13 at Shawnee Mission Park Shelter #10.

Director's Report

Curtis Mulvenon reported that he has narrowed down the possible sites for the Spring 07 orchestra trip to Chicago and Boston, but that actual dates are not yet available. The approximate cost for the trip will be \$179 per student without airfare. With airfare the approximate cost may be \$600 per student. Curtis explained the benefit of having liability coverage when using a service vs. booking the trip ourselves. He hopes to have more information for students soon.

Curtis expressed a frustration with the district judges and said he is considering running his own judged festival to allow individual feedback to the students as well as an opportunity for more students to participate. Mary Garrett expressed a reservation about students who are pursuing music scholarships not having district/state ratings if West does not participate in these types of contests. Curtis assured the group that he would not make any changes to the program that would penalize any students and would check out area schools requirements prior to making any changes.

Old Business

Senior Gifts: Beth Cicha will obtain the engraved frames.

Sprit De Core: This annual award is given from the senior class to the sophomore who best exemplifies the spirit of the orchestra. This award needs to be ordered. Last year Mr. Mulvenon obtained it from All Star Awards.

New Business

Uniform turn-in Date: Michelle Kring will finalize a turn-in date for at least seniors and discuss it with Mr. Mulvenon.

Concession Stand: PRESTO will be running the concession stand at a basketball game next year as a fundraiser.

T-shirt designs: Next year's orchestra T-shirt design was not put out to the entire student body. Final designs, which will be due soon, will be decided by two seniors and the three orchestra officers with final approval from the PRESTO executive officers.

Officer Election: The following individuals were elected as PRESTO officers for the 06-07 school year: Mary and Paul Garrett, President; Dave and Beth Cicha, Vice President; and Angie Shelton, Secretary. The election of a treasurer will be postponed until next month because the individual nominated could not be reached prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned. The next PRESTO meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, in the orchestra room.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Shelton, Secretary

Note: Meeting minutes for the current school year are posted on the internet at www.prestowest.org.