

**SMW Presto Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Feb. 7, 2006, 7:00 p.m.**

The February meeting of PRESTO for the 2005-06 school year was called to order by President Reid Hillmer just after 7 p.m.

Minutes from the Jan. 9, 2006 meeting were accepted as written. It was noted in the minutes that Curtis Mulvenon was checking about photo releases for student pictures on the PRESTO website. All members of the orchestra have signed releases.

The Treasurer's February report listed account interest under revenues and a winter concert refreshments reimbursement under expenses. The current balance of all PRESTO funds as of 1/30/06 is \$6,821.10.

**Chair Announcements**

Reid and Jean Hillmer discussed the half-page article about orchestra activities in the latest Viking Voice newsletter.

**Director's Report**

Curtis Mulvenon reported that the Collage Concert flyer is out at the elementary schools and he plans to remind elementary music teachers to publicize this event. Flyers will be collected at the door the day of the concert for door prize drawings. Curtis will handle the door prize drawings during scene changes for the Collage Concert. Curtis will be responsible for the program with the paid advertisements. The group hopes to get a DVD player donated or at a reduced price for a grand door prize. Freshman will be at the door at the end of the concert to collect donations. Curtis plans to invite West Strings to play a song during the concert.

The Spring 07 Orchestra trip for next year's seniors, juniors, and sophomores will not be a combination trip with the choir because the choir director has an opportunity to take her group to Carnegie Hall. Curtis will start over on researching possible venues for an orchestra trip and plans to announce the location and cost next month. He is looking at a 4-day, 3-night trip over a weekend to minimize missed school days. He noted that he is not in favor of fundraising sales for the basic maintenance of the program, but will offer product sales for students to raise money for the trip. He would like to see orchestra members hold several car washes on multiple Saturdays as a trip fundraiser. Curtis will contact a representative from Great American Opportunities to set up some fundraising sales this spring. The group discussed making the sales open to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who want to begin socking away money for a future orchestra trip. The group agreed this could be available, but noted that a student's trip money would never be given in cash if the individual could not go on the trip or dropped out of orchestra.

Curtis explained that the "Valentine's Day gigs" did not materialize. He noted that many of the students were nervous about playing in a quartet in public. He believed the curriculum focus on quartets was a good learning experience and planned to do it again next year. Perhaps with more practice, this could be an opportunity in the future.

The contest for a design and slogan for the 06-07 Orchestra T-shirts has been opened up to any West student. Publicity is being handled by the orchestra student leaders, who will submit the top 3 or 4 entries to PRESTO for final approval.

### **Standing Committees**

Chaperone: No report.

Communication: Rick and Tammy Karsten are working with Curtis to determine why the PRESTO website is being blocked on computers at West.

Membership: No report.

Uniforms: Committee chair Michelle Kring is working with Curtis to determine this year's uniform check-in date.

Ways & Means: Several ads for the Collage Concert have been sold. Several businesses were interested in advertising in all West Orchestra concert programs not just the Collage Concert. The group will consider this next year.

Hospitality: Mary Garrett provided tonight's sweet treats. Thank you.

Banquet: The group discussed possible food vendors for the event. Cindy Carter to call several Italian restaurants about catering. Judy Boyd's friend Greg Reynolds with Eclectic Effects Catering was mentioned as a possibility. Cake from Cosco was discussed as a tasty, yet fairly inexpensive option. Decorations for the banquet will be handled by Stephanie Pino-Dressman, Mary Garrett, and Katy Crow.

Picnic: Chair needed for this event. Date set for August 13 at Shawnee Mission Park Shelter #10.

### **Old Business**

Scholarship: Copy for the scholarship application is ready to go on the website. Seniors have been told applications are due by April 15.

Collage Concert: The decoration idea created by Katy Crow was heartily approved. The musical motif parchment tied with ribbon will slip over votive candles on mirror tiles decorated with Hershey nuggets in gold foil wrappers.

### **New Business**

Pictures: Jean Hillmer reported she is still getting prices and hopes to have individual, musical group, and senior group photos taken at the Collage Concert. She will also be checking with a PRESTO parent who has photography skills.

### **Coming Events**

- State Orchestra, Feb. 23-25 in Wichita.
- Collage Concert, March 2, 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next PRESTO meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 7 in the West Library (note location change).

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Shelton, Secretary

Note: Meeting minutes for the current school year are posted on the internet at [www.prestowest.org](http://www.prestowest.org).