

**SMW Presto Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Dec. 6, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**

The December meeting of the 2005-06 school year was called to order by President Reid Hillmer.

Minutes from the Nov. 1, 2005 meeting were accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report listed current balances as follows:

Checking: \$751.63

Savings: \$3590.49

Certificate of Deposit: \$2506.58

The report was accepted as written.

**Chair Announcements**

Jean Hillmer announced that invitations for the December concert were mailed to all SMWest families as well as Westridge families. Dr. McLean and other West office staff were also included.

**Standing Committees**

Chaperone: No report.

Communication: Rick and Tammy Karsten reported that the vast majority of families were receiving PRESTO emails. They suggested that family information including email accounts could be included on the required uniform contract next year. Rick and Tammy also reported that they have pictures to put up on the web. They are checking if a parental permission form is needed. The group discussed the distraction of flash photography at concerts. Curtis Mulvenon said he would handle the announcement about no flash photography while the students are playing. Pictures inbetween pieces will be fine.

Membership: No report.

Uniforms: Angie Shelton reported for Michelle Kring that the extra garment bags have arrived and will be distributed to students at the December concert.

Ways & Means: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Banquet: No report.

Picnic: No report.

## **Director's Report**

Curtis Mulvenon asked for the group to review the program for the December concert. He listed PRESTO members on the back and wanted to make sure all organizations that donated items for the reception were mentioned.

Curtis explained that for the December concert he planned to combine the Freshman and the Philharmonic Orchestras because the strengths and weaknesses of each group complimented each other and he thought it would be a nice format change, but he made a point in saying he was not "setting precedence" for the future.

Curtis explained that a practice time for a Chamber group has been difficult to set because 7 a.m. has not been popular and a seminar timeframe is difficult for seniors who have dropped seminar and officially need to be off campus. Curtis is checking with the office about this rule.

Curtis continues to seek out information on a Spring 07 Orchestra trip. He is investigating the possibility of combining with the West Choir for this trip to obtain a larger number of participants and therefore a better deal.

A possible fundraising event for this trip would be arranging "Valentine's Day gigs" for quartets of students. These groups would need adult chaperones/transportation. These "playing telegrams" have been used as fundraisers for other area orchestras, according to Curtis.

## **Old Business**

Orchestra T-Shirt: The order has been delivered.

Garment Bags: The order has been received.

Winter Concert: Ralph and Arlene Norton and Lori Norton arranged for the group to sample several types of cookies from Hen House for the Winter Concert. The group decided on ordering a total of 800 cookies: 200 gourmet cookies of assorted types at 19 cents each and 600 standard cookies in 8 cents each. The estimated attendance is 300 so that's about 2 ½ cookies per person. The punch will be a combination of Sprite and white grape juice. Ralph arranged for 25 2-liter bottles of Sprite to be donated. Angie Shelton and Judy Boyd volunteered to check out prices and obtain 25 cans of the cheapest white grape juice available. Jean Hillmer said she has arranged for 2 poinsettia plants and a can of popcorn to be given away as door prizes at the reception. Jean explained that the poinsettia plants and some white lights will create a simple decoration on stage for the concert. All student names will be put into the hat for the drawing. Curtis will handle the drawing. Cindy Carter will take care of table decorations for 24 round tables and 2 8ft. tables for punch and cookies. Lori Norton volunteered to secure nice white tablecloths for the tables from her employer, the Sheraton Hotel. PRESTO has plenty of napkins in the supply closet so these will be used at the concert reception. Judy Boyd volunteered to pick up 300 clear plastic cups. Jean Hillmer and Kristi Mehrer volunteered to bring punch bowls. Members who are available are encouraged to come early to help set up as well as stay and clean up.

### **New Business**

Collage Concert in March: Katy Crow has volunteered to chair the committee in charge of arrangements for the Collage Concert.

### **.Coming Events**

- Winter Concert, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.
- State Auditions in Salina, Kan., Jan. 7. Students involved: Matt Finlay, harp; Jolie Himes, bass; Reuben Sequeira, violin; Ashley Williamson, viola; and Mica Rumbach, viola.

Meeting adjourned. The next PRESTO meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, January 9 at the SMWest Library.

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).