

PRESTO Meeting Minutes

9/3/2019

Those present:

Katy Myers - Secretary

Gretchen and Rob Clark – Co-Presidents

Courtney Carter – Vice President

Marja Johnson - Treasurer

Kate Ampleman

Connor Ampleman

Kerri Sanborn

Robyn Dauster

Denise Hall

Sarah Harris

Becca Wagner

Jill Carroll

Curtis Mulvenon, orchestra teacher

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Welcome to PRESTO and Introductions

- Rob Clark opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to PRESTO and explaining briefly what PRESTO does. He then introduced himself and Gretchen as the co-presidents. Courtney, Marja and Katy introduced themselves as the remaining board members. Then the rest of the attendees introduced themselves and told who their child was in orchestra.
- We discussed briefly how parents can help and asked parents to fill in the interest form by indicating if they are interested in a certain area or activity or if they have a certain amount of time they can commit to helping.
- We also discussed how we would be using Sign Up Geniuses to ask for help with activities.

Picnic Recap

- It was agreed that having the burgers pre cooked and having the pulled pork cooked by Mr. M was a big success versus having the meats cooked at the picnic. It left more time for Mr. M to spend visiting with parents and kids at the picnic. However, Mr. M needs more help pulling pork

if that option is done in the future, plus he is concerned about food safety. We did spend less money than last year on both meat and overall.

- We might try changing venues next year for the picnic location just for one year. We might give the pavilion at Sar-Ko-Par Park a try to see how it works. It does cost more.
- Also, the date of the picnic may have to be the 2nd Sunday after school starts to allow more time for RSVPs.
- There is a letter missing from the alphabet on the flyer.

2019-2020 activities – We discussed the year’s activities as follows.

- August picnic – checked off since we previously discussed
- West Strings-We discussed that it begins 9/10, and that it’s a good way for students to get involved even though there is no PRESTO involvement
- Fall concert – we need a table set up for Crescendo fund donations
- Homecoming Parade is October 10 – Orchestra usually has a float – does anyone have a trailer that can be used for the orchestra float?
- October 11 – Football homecoming game – PRESTO will be working concessions for this game and should make around \$1,200 – both parents and students will work it. We will have a sign up genius to sign up for this.
- Westridge Dance at SMW – 10/18 – We explained that this is our big fundraiser and that we had over 300 kids in attendance at our first dance last year. We will need lots of parents there helping. We also need a dance chairperson. We talked about a theme like Halloween. Mr. M. is going to ask Mr. McDonnell, Westridge Principal, if costumes would be allowed. We need some posters made right away, and Mr. M. is going to see if the orchestra kids can create those, and he will get those printed in the print shop.
- Sacking at HyVee – Sunday, 11/24 and Saturday, 12/21 (kids will also play Christmas music) – These are fundraisers for a possible future trip for orchestra students. There will also be some sales based fundraisers for a possible trip.
- Westridge Dance at SMW – Friday 2/21/20 – 2nd fundraiser dance – DJ is confirmed for this dance as well – this theme may be formal
- Collage Concert – Thursday – 3/12/20 – We need to man cookie tables. We will need door prizes and more swag for prizes for drawings for the elementary and middle school students.
- Banquet – 5/6/20 – We deferred to Kate Ampleman, past PRESTO president, to discuss how at this event scholarships are awarded from PRESTO. Each year, interested seniors are asked to write an essay to submit for consideration for a scholarship. In past years, the essays have been ranked, and different amounts have been awarded. Last year, four scholarships of \$500 each were awarded. Freshmen and sophomore parents are asked to read the essays and evaluate them.

Student Report

- Connor Ampleman gave the student report. He discussed how he and other student officers had decorated the orchestra bulletin board before school started. He said he would like more games next year at the picnic for participation. He thought the bingo game was not taken seriously. He said that he had invested in some more balls for flag football. Ethan Mulvenon had also donated balls, and they are in the large instrument closet.

Treasurer Report

- Marja Johnson reported our current balance is \$7,892.22.
- Two scholarship checks have cleared
- A couple of small expenditures are mysteries
- She wants to adjust our fundraising number to \$4,000
- Marja is looking into ordering water bottles.
 - They are \$13.15 for 100 – there is no run fee for the log for one-color
 - A motion was made to have Marja look into ordering the bottles. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken to order the bottles.
- Mr. M. said he would like to price hoodies, too

Director's Report

- Mr. M. talked about the music the kids are working on for the first concert.
- He said there had been a lot of turnover from 1st block.

New business

- Nothing of note to discuss

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, at 7 p.m.