

Wilmington Strings Orchestra Parent Group

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022

Attendees:

Leica Turner, Kate Mitchell, Catherine Kane, Jennifer Perkins, Julie Hall, Catie Weinstein, Barb Balter

Announcements from the E-Board

- Cello straps - 4 approved (2 for middle school, 2 for high school)
- We are booked for Scholarship Night! The date is Friday, March 10, 2023.
- Google Drive - Organized by Leica!

Update from Ms. Perkins

- Student numbers (seniors = 13; beginners = 29)
- Drop-off Night fundraiser: December 17, 6-8:30. K-5th students have access to the cafeteria and music room.
- February 9th concert, 10:30am-noon (time TBD) with cellist from Royal Wedding. BSO open rehearsals for grades 8-12.

New Business

Contact list (Leica)

- Collecting interest from parents. Marketing will send out reminders.

Fall apparel update and planning (Barb and Catherine)

- Different vendors explored
 - Greg, Wilmington Trophy - offers online storefront. 2 week turnaround time after orders are in. Pricing includes set-up costs.
 - Jen, Champion Choice - already has a contract with WHS and gives a 35% discount. Anything not name-brand has additional costs. Store open for 7-10 days. Feedback from sports teams is that orders are delayed in receiving.
 - Reading Trophy
 - Michele, Printex
- Greg, Wilmington Trophy chosen. Next step: Barb will obtain pricing. Target opening the store in early November (1st-10th), and receive apparel within 4 weeks. Plan to have apparel in hand ready for the 12/12 concert.

Ornament update (Leica)

- WMS and WHS students voted for cocoa mug with 2022 date.
- Timeline TBD

Scholarship Night update and planning (Kate)

- Friday, March 10th, 7-11 pm

- Can we get in at 6 pm?
- Knights of Columbus Hall
 - Booked
- Dave Gliner will run Rock n Roll bingo
 - \$150/hour for min of 3 hours
 - Pay that night, no deposit needed
- Subcommittees and roles:
 - Raffles
 - Tickets to School of Rock 3/23-3/25 (Julie)
 - NH Philharmonic 4/15-4/16 (Jen)
 - Yoga Loft certificate (Catherine)
 - Area businesses (Kate)
 - Table centerpieces (Catie to connect with Diane for reuse of previous centerpieces)
 - Table cloths, balloons
 - Signage (Leica)
 - Sit at door night of event (Barb)

Becoming a 501c3 non-profit (Leica)

- \$500 set-up plus upkeep fee every year.
- The benefit is that we can go to larger companies for fundraising.
- Decision was made that it's not worth the time and effort.

Festival of Trees update and planning (Catie)

- Friday 12/2 to Sun 12/4 at St. Dorothy's
- (12/1-12/3 is the theater performance)
- It's unclear if Strings will perform.
- Table-top tree (Catherine lead, Kate helper)

Restaurant fundraiser

- Target with EJs again as last year's was successful.
- Consider scheduling on a day of parent/teacher conference (2/2)

New scholarship application

- Target 2 recipients, 3 at most.
- Teacher readers to invite to participate: Jacklyn Madden (Jen P will ask), Sheila Burke and Ms P (Julie will ask)

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance is \$4,986.86 as of 9/30/2022.
- Put a \$150 deposit down with the Knights of Columbus for Scholarship Night.

Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:30pm at the WMS library