

Wilmington Strings Orchestra Parent Group

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022

Attendees:

Leica Turner, Kate Mitchell, Catherine Kane, Jennifer Perkins, Caitie Weinstein, Barb Balter, Jennifer Crane

Announcements from the E-Board

- We are booked for Scholarship Night! The date is Friday, March 10, 2023.
- Apparel drive and ornament drive are both ready to go.

Update from Ms. Perkins

- Permission will be granted for the drop-off Movie Night fundraiser once a permission request has been submitted.
 - We must let parents know that there will not be a nurse on duty and no medications will be distributed.
 - The fundraiser will be held Friday, December 16, 6:00-8:30 for grades 2-5.
 - The announcement will go out about November 16th.
 - A sign up will be created for student helpers and parents that volunteer will need to fill out a CORI form.
 - Permission slips will be due two weeks before the event.
 - Jen Perkins is creating the permission slip and Leica is creating the announcement.
 - Catherine Kane will post an announcement (that Leica creates) about the Drop-off Night Fundraiser on Facebook.
 - We will have a movie, hot cocoa, mini waters, and cookies for the event.
 - The cost for the event will be \$20 with a family cap of \$40
 - The event will be 6:00-8:30 at the high school
- February 9th concert, 10:30am-noon (time TBD) with cellist from Royal Wedding. BSO open rehearsals for grades 8-12.
- The Cello straps have arrived, and they are wonderful!
- Ms. Perkins has been cleared to have a visit from a professor from Berkeley November 18th at the HS and MS will possibly be November 8th.
- Thursday HS students will be participating in a Zoom assembly about how strings are created
- On December 8th the 5th graders will be rehearsing for their concert.
- All administrators have given Ms. Perkins permission to take all students to the BSO. The HS will be February 9th, 6-7th grade March 31st, and 4-5th March 30th.
 - We will cover the difference of the price of the buses beyond what the students are charged for the BSO.

New Business

Contact list (Leica)

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

Fall apparel update and planning (Barb)

- Different vendors explored
 - Greg, Wilmington Trophy - offers online storefront. 2 week turnaround time after orders are in. Pricing includes set-up costs.
 - We are going to go with Greg from Wilmington Trophy
 - Our target is to open the store in early November (4-10th) online, and receive apparel within 4 weeks. Plan to have apparel in hand ready for the 12/12 concert.
 - Our mark-up will be \$10 per item in order to raise funds for WSO.
 - Barb is reaching out to find out what Greg's fee will be and see if there is a beanie we can add.

Ornament update (Leica)

- WMS and WHS students voted for a cocoa mug with a 2022 date.
- Sales will be run in conjunction with the apparel sale which will be the 4th-10th. The latest we can submit our ornament order is the 18th.

Scholarship Night update and planning (Kate)

- Friday, March 10th, 7-11 pm
 - Leica is going to create a save the date for the event.
 - Catherine will be putting out a save the date on Facebook.
- 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 has with Diane for reuse of previous centerpieces)
 - Table cloths, balloons
 - Signage (Leica)
 - Sit at door night of event (Barb)
 - Leica has a sign-up genius mocke-up for volunteers and contributions for the evening

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 (Caitie)

- Friday 12/2 to Sun 12/4 at St. Dorothy's
- (12/1-12/3 is the theater performance)
- Strings has been asked to perform; it is unclear which grades that will be.
- Table-top tree (Catherine lead, Kate and Jen helper)
 - Make the "tree" Polar Express theme with tickets, hot chocolate, the movie, the book etc.
 - Made a QR code to go with it to advertise and sign up for our drop-off Movie Night.
 - Possibly put Strings logo on the top of the tree.
 - We need to put together a "call out" to families to see if parents are willing to donate money toward the tree.
 - Caitie is checking with Becky McGrath to see if she can look in storage to see if there are any extra table-top trees.

Restaurant fundraiser (postponed discussion for next meeting)

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

New scholarship application (postponed discussion to next meeting)

- 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 \$4,434.94 as of 10/31/22.
- Put a \$150 deposit down with the Knights of Columbus for Scholarship Night.
- The expense for the cello straps of \$551.92 was paid.

Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:30pm at the WMS library (There is potential that we will not meet in December. If we do, it will be via Zoom.)