

Beaver Orchestra Guild

2015-16



Overview

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Officers serving this year:

President - Mrs. Barbra Caruso, Vice-president - Mrs. Kelly Shroads-Gray, Secretary - Mrs. Susan Johnson, Treasurer - Mrs. Amy Davis, Fund-raising Coordinator - Ms. Kathy Fratangeli

Financial "brief" Overview:

Our Orchestra Guild current account balance: \$8,517.23.

We spent \$8,504.89 on equipment and programming this year, benefiting all orchestra students in grades 4 - 12.

We raised \$4,022 through events and fund-raising.

(This does NOT include funds in the Beaver Music Boosters general fund or individual student fund-raising.)

Highlights of the Year:

The Orchestra sent 9 students to PMEA District Orchestra, 6 students to PMEA Western Region Orchestra, and 3 string students to PMEA All-state Orchestra. The Beaver Area School District has had students qualify for All-State Orchestra for 11 years in a row.

The HS Orchestra earned a I, or superior rating in the PMEA Music Performance Adjudication in April, and the MS Orchestra earned a II.

The Orchestra Guild provided resources and support for elementary dress rehearsals, the Caryn Lin workshop (in October) and the concert with Caryn in March, the

December concert at Park Presbyterian Church and coordinated 2 fund-raisers open to all BASD music students in grades 7-12 – the Anderson's Chocolate Bar sales, and the Bobcat Travel Mug sales. Guild parents also provided hospitality and support for the MPA event hosted by Mrs. Graham and Mr. Scanga.

We are extremely grateful to many parents who donated supplies, cookies, and snacks. Special recognition goes to our parents who helped with the many tasks of hosting and putting on our big March concert, as well as on-going duties with financial accounting, and fund-raising opportunities. Simply put, without these generous and skilled individuals who give time and talent, our students would not have the support and joy they experience in our music program.

Looking ahead:

Officers Slate for 2016 -17:

President: Mrs. Kelly Shroads-Gray, Vice-president: Mrs. Dena Anderson, Secretary: Mrs. Timberly Sewall, Treasurer: Mrs. Mary Zeh, Fundraising Coordinator: Mrs. Kathy Fratangeli.

Meeting Dates for 2016-17:

7:00 pm, 2nd Monday of the month (at the Beaver Hot Dog Shoppe)

Aug 8, Sept 12, Oct 17 (a change due to Columbus Day), Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8.

EVENTS for 2016-17

Concerts: calendar is on the google calendar, which can be accessed on the school webpage, under Arts&Music tab, and then on the Music Dept. tab.

All the Orchestras will perform concerts (with the other music ensembles) in December. We hope to get back in the Jaycee Craft Fair over Nov. 11-12. We will be participating in a variety of performances during the month of March, to celebrate

Music in Our Schools Month, and finishing the year with an "All-Orchestra" concert in May.

The HS Orchestra members will be invited to go on a trip to WVU High School Honors Orchestra in Morgantown, WV, Feb. 23-25, 2017, in addition to the already scheduled Music Department Trip to Florida over December 15 - 19, 2016.

Orchestra students are encouraged to apply to be members of Tri-M, the music honor society that engages in many service projects over the course of the year and is an excellent way for students to learn leadership skills, and to give back in the community.

The curricular focus of the Orchestra continues to be developing excellent string technique and teaching students to play a variety of styles, including classical, fiddle, alternative, rock and jazz. And concurrently, we hope our students will grow in maturity, intellect, body, and will develop enduring, positive relationships in the midst of the joy of making music together.