

Minutes for Samohi Orchestra Parents Association (OPA) Virtual Meeting
6/7/21

Call to Order: President Area Kramarsky called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. Area shared the agenda and it was adopted as presented.
2. Minutes from last meeting were presented. Adopted as presented
3. Director's report: Jason Congrats email to Kiwani's winners went out. Judges are both educators in Fresno each student is getting 2 pages of feedback. Taking longer. Will email out. Very thorough feedback.

Senior Gala: Jason wanted to thank Area and Andrea for chairing that event. Fun night! John for helping film the students in Barnum. Running with Speakers was the student club that volunteered to film-- gave them real life experience in filming. Congrats to all the senior parents and thank you for all these 4 years.

Jim: Jason did all the heavy lifting for auditions. He is planning on posting results on Thursday. All anon by student ID#. Continue to emphasize, rosters are never permanent, always wiggle room. If student wants to practice over the summer, we encourage students to re-audition. We're here to help, don't hesitate to reach out to them. Every level are getting full and unconditional love and attention.

Jason shared if students want to re-audition, they should send an email, before the 1st week of August. Not sure if audition will be live or virtual. Info will be posted on website and/or emailed.

Tours: Started conversations about Tours, would like a tour during spring break. Choices are Berlin/Copenhagen or NY/Boston. Received 2 proposals. Jason stated the decision of where to go should be made by Symphony families. Need to form a small group of Symphony parents to look through itineraries and come up with a survey for families. Preferences, financial need, and if families have any reservations about traveling. Should be 100% on board. Need to get approvals by school board, etc. Need to make a decision by end of this month. Janina offered to help.

Jason said a bass player emailed him, asking him about a Game Night.

4. Natalie and Marnie reported on auction. Natalie reported just over 9K in revenue. Next year, Natalie volunteered to lead it again. If anyone else wants to help, let us know.
5. Senior Gala: Area reports that we came in under budget. It was a successful evening! Kids were so happy, and it was a lovely event. Innovation Quad is so pretty at night. Thanks to Andrea for chairing and to Toni and Marliese for decorating.
6. Ratification of scholarship expense: Normally there's a 2K scholarship. This year, they wanted it to go to 3 students, so they wanted to add \$100 to divide it in 3. So it went \$100.00 over budget. Natalie moved to ratify the extra \$100 expense. Andrea seconds it. The motion passed.
7. 2021-2022 Budget: Area presented the OPA Operating Budget proposal, prepared by Area and Andrea. Jason commented our current tour fund is healthy because we received 88% of the tour fund that was cancelled. But we lost this whole year as a head start for fundraising. Marliese motioned to adopt the budget as presented. Natalie seconded. The motion passed.
8. Appointment of a ByLaws Op Procedure Summer Team: Area and Wendy
9. Board Member Elections: Area presented the slate of candidates. Marliese makes a motion to elect the Slate for the 2021-22 cycle. Fred seconds. The motion passed and the following were elected:

Kevin Gorman (current board member)

Andrea Kahn (current treasurer, board member, ticket sales, event chair, tour treasurer)

Area Kramarsky (current president, board member, event chair, communications)

Mark Tuckett (electronic communications)

- Wendy Woodhall (event publicity, proofreading, ad sales)
10. Public Comment: Are there plans for other orchestras for tour? Jason says there are no plans for Philharmonic. They will go on tour 2 years from now. Jim/Jason shared they are looking to do something meaningful experiences for all orchestras.
 11. Jason shared how thankful he is for the OPA Board. Thanking Area and Andrea and all the board members and all members at large for all you do to make things possible!
 12. Area adjourns the business portion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05