

# POPS Meeting

**November 8th, 2010**

In Attendance: Stacey Sheehan, Eileen Morgan, Donna Botieri, Sharon Campbell, Ron Runner, Greg Charest, Elizabeth Lind, Pat Drumm, Glenn Zienowicz, and Ray Zarlengo.

Location: EWG Junior-Senior High School, West Greenwich, RI

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

## October 2010 Minutes

- Clarification for Chorus report by Mr. Runner. Trip to NYC this year is predominantly for chorus students, but junior/senior high band students are still welcome to attend as space allows. Normally there is room for more students, and it is helpful to completely fill a bus. Trip is planned for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Treasurer's Report

- Minimal activity over the past month. Traditional report had not been compiled prior to tonight's meeting.
- Pie sales summary passed out (see attached). Several students circled being involved with two different departments, and those names were read and clarified to which account their money should go into.

## Art Report

- Great Spooktacular on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Most street squares ever done. Students had also gone to Roger Williams Zoo to get ideas for the pumpkin carving. Squares remained in great condition after the show. Everyone was respectful to the work until it was naturally washed away. Dr. Geismar and Mr. Charest were judges for the event.
- Grant proposal submitted to link with ELA.
- Two art colleges came to view portfolios and were deemed very strong. EWG students doing extremely well, and have a great chance of placement next year.
- Currently selling Sweenor's candies for NYC trip. Raising money for a limo, since number of students small (thirteen), and easier to get between art museums. Trip planned for April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Logos almost complete. Being designed for bumper stickers, mugs and T-shirts.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> combined Art and Chorus event (details in Chorus).

## Band Report

- Next concert planned for November 21<sup>st</sup>. Time to change to 4 PM, to allow Mr. Charest to attend St. Nicholas Day event dressed as St. Nicholas, return to EWG, and change out of costume.
- Sending out emails for All-State times this week. Planned for November 20<sup>th</sup> at Moses Brown.

- Planning to give 7<sup>th</sup> grade band another year of maturity before playing in band festival. Afraid they would be judged poorly; this wouldn't be beneficial.
- Eighth grade band excellent this year. Already prepared for festival and are working on holiday music.
- Washington, DC trip still awaiting final approval. Probable performance at Lincoln Memorial, and Mr. Charest may also add a festival performance.

### Chorus Report

- Spooktacular best ever. Many more singers attended and did a great job. Approximately 20 to 30 people were in the audience.
- Fall Thanksgiving Concert on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Students are already prepared and have begun work on holiday music. Art show begins at 5 PM in the library. Chorus concert starts at 7 PM and runs to 8 PM. Adult ticket price \$5, all else free.
- Holiday show planned for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Runner received a call from Harley Davidson, asking for a short concert on previous night, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Looking to bring a small group of students, between 10 and 20, for a 15 minute concert. Previous donations have been approximately \$200.
- Chorus festivals usually occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of April. Because of small size of Senior High Chorus, Chamber Singers will sing with them Location and dates to be announced.
- Going to see *Adam's Family* in NYC on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Runner has theme song, and plans to have students learn it. Excited to use new video equipment and projector to show clips of the show. Cost will be \$115 per student. Permission slips to go out in the next 2 weeks.

### Drama Report

- Date for *A Christmas Carol* handed out (see attached). Planning on 12 shows from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>. No royalties on this show—re-written by Mr. Zienowicz. Lots of new students in drama this year. Turned out to be a big building year. Allowed for two separate casts. One cast (Holly Cast) will have a traditional makeup and male Scrooge. The Ivy Cast will feature a female Scrooge. Ticket prices will be \$12 for adults and \$8 for students.
- Great core group of involved parents wanting to help with shows. A few will contact POPS to help organize ticket sales, doors and concessions.
- Planning *Cinderella* this spring.
- Scotland trip being moved to August 2012 to allow more time to fundraise, especially since many of the students and parents are new to drama, and the cost of the trip.
- Discussion of wings for the stage brought up, as well as improved lighting system, which is antiquated. Would benefit all four departments. Lights frequently short out. Plan to obtain prices, and bring ideas of cost replacement to the school board. Previous cost of rentals totaled \$3500.
- English-speaking Shakespeare competition planned again this year.

### New Business

- Two soirees being planned this year, possibly in February and May. May try to have 1<sup>st</sup> soiree on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Swann's residence.
- Fine arts dinner scheduled, but needs a committee for planning purposes.
- Mr. Charest discussed doing a "cash" calendar fundraiser to raise funds for a new tuba. Plans to design and present calendar at next meeting. Would like to start fundraiser in January, for March calendar prizes.
- Pie sale checks all sent in. Planning phone follow-up for adult volunteers distributing pies.

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- None presented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting will be held in the Choral Room at EWG at 6:30 PM on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Zarlengo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Raymond Zarlengo