Orchestra Parents Association Meeting
February 4, 2008
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Orchestra Director's Report – Joni Swenson**
The LA Philharmonic Symphony for Schools performance will be on Friday, Feb. 29. The theme of the concert is classical music in the U.S. and it's centered on Dvorak's New World Symphony. All Philharmonic Orchestra students and maybe 20-30 Concert Orchestra students will go.

The LA Philharmonic Partnership also provides teachers and coaches. Any Samohi orchestra student can sign up for chamber ensemble coaching. Right now there's room for more – only 4 ensembles have signed up. The Mendelssohn Octet will meet for coaching during sectionals, but all other groups will meet after school.

14 Samohi students were accepted into the All State Orchestra. The rehearsals and performances are March 13-15. Jason will accompany the students, but Joni needs another adult to go. The airfare will be covered by OPA and the hotel will be covered by CODA, so the trip is free for the chaperone. If you're interested in going, please contact Joni.

**Spaghetti and Strings Report – Alex Novakovich**
Spaghetti and Strings is especially important this year because a portion of the funds raised will be allocated to help cover the cost of the Symphony trip to Europe. All ticket orders should be submitted by noon on Wednesday. Alex reminded everyone that even if students are working the event, they also need to buy tickets.

Students were given 20 raffle tickets to sell. If all students sell their 20 raffle tickets, the orchestra will make $4,000. The raffle ticket stubs and money need to be returned by Wednesday.

Other fundraising activities: Alex's hairdresser at the Shampoo Lounge (Pico and 30th St.) has offered to donate all proceeds from Samohi Orchestra student and parent haircuts on Sunday, March 9. The cost of the cuts will be $40-$60. More information will be distributed later.

A Spaghetti and Strings Meeting immediately follows the OPA Meeting tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Ladner, Secretary