

WHS Choral Boosters, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2014

Attendees: Joanna Dietz, Cindy Schelhorn, Stan Schelhorn, Katie Pierce, Shawn Barnes, David Gerlitz, Judy Gerlitz and Becky Martin.

The meeting started at 7:15pm. There were no minutes to review as the September minutes were approved via e-mail and posted on the choral website.

Parent Mixer

- Joanna welcomed all to the first Parent Mixer.
- Each Executive Board member introduced his/herself, said a little bit about their role in the Boosters, and the grade their student was in.

State of the Choir

- Katie shared her long-term goals for the choral department:
 - ✦ establish greater sense of community in each ensemble and between ensembles
 - ✦ encourage growth in personal responsibility and individual impact (musicianship skills, theory, sight-reading, etc.)
 - ✦ full enrollment in the following ensembles:
 - beginning women
 - intermediate mixed
 - men
 - advanced women
 - advanced mixed
 - show choir

Choir Council/Leadership

- Each ensemble elected their representatives for Choir Council. Katie contacted students for each class (fresh/soph/jr/sr) and Buddy Program and is waiting for their acceptance the week of 10/13. She will meet with all next week to start planning process.
- They will introduce their ensemble at October concert.

Middle Schools

- Initiated contact with all middle school directors about visiting schools and introducing our Buddy Program (a way to encourage middle school students to continue in choir even if they are not from a WHS feeder school).
- Plan is to start visits in early Nov and again in Dec, Feb and May.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

- Katie is faculty advisor this year. Working with elected student leaders to make it more structured.
- Directors of Choir/Band/Orchestra/Guitar can advertise to Tri-M when volunteers are needed.
- Some requirements for full participation could include:
 - ✦ 1 volunteer/service event per quarter
 - ✦ 1 extracurricular event per quarter
 - ✦ Act as ushers or sell concessions at concerts

Sight-Reading

- CBI will purchase a class set of Sing at First Sight, Level 1. The focus will be on individual sight singing.
- Charms has a recording studio in its app and Chambers students have been practicing with using their phones to record themselves singing in the context of the ensemble. It is hoped this will decrease audition anxiety.
- A choral parent works for company that refurbishes cell phones and is looking into what it would cost for CBI to purchase some phones for student use during class. Purchased phones only need Wi-Fi capability and Charms App.

Spirit Wear

- All ensembles voted on what their group t-shirt will look like. Katie is working with t-shirt company on designs and estimates it will take 10 days from order to delivery. Students can use Misc. Ledger funds to pay for t-shirt.
- Sprit Wear Store is expected to open soon. Delivery would be the week before Thanksgiving. Adding new hat, tech gloves, drawstring bag, long sleeve pullover shirt, shell jacket (fleece inside with black shell).

Disney Trip

- Finalizing details, pricing, itinerary, and group dinner (students really like this). Thursday is a free day and Katie is looking to add waterpark or Disney Quest for part of the day and then spend time at Downtown Disney on your own. Students want a trip t-shirt.

Concerts

- Concerts will begin with National Anthem performed by different choir each time with seniors performing it at the last concert. Concerts will feature different arrangement/style for anthem.
- Sash for Chorale women has been identified but will not be available for Fall Concert.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm and bowling commenced.

Upcoming Dates

10/11	Senior Honors Auditions	11/11	Pie Delivery Day
10/17	Pie Sales start	11/11	Choral Booster Meeting
10/22	Fall Concert	11/15	District Choir Auditions
10/22	Claire's Delivery Day	11/20-22	VMEA/Senior Honor Choir
10/30	Pie Orders due		