

WHS CHORAL BOOSTERS INC.

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

Attendees: Dave and Judy Gerlitz, Shawn Barnes, Joanna Dietz, Becky Martin, and Katie Pierce.

Meeting started at 7:44pm.

MINUTES

Shawn motioned to accept the December minutes as presented and Judy Gerlitz seconded the motion. Becky will upload them to the choral website.

TREASURER REPORT

Shawn provided the following update:

- ✦ Katie forwarded latest trip spreadsheet and Shawn will verify spreadsheet and Charms entries match. Katie forwarded 2nd invoice from tour company for payment.
- ✦ Katie received confirmation from all trip scholarship recipients.
- ✦ Accompanist received payment for Candlelight Concert and TASC performance.
- ✦ Initial deposit check for 100 tickets to Wizards event was sent. Student ticket payments are coming in.
- ✦ Check from Music Boosters for Bulldog BBQ/Tag Day was deposited.
- ✦ TASC donation check was deposited.
- ✦ Numerous trip and District Choir checks were received this week.
- ✦ Dave/Shawn will meet in February to assist Dave to take role of Treasurer next year, if elected.

CURRICULUM NIGHT, 2/4

Brochure in the works but Katie has not been able to meet with printer due to weather related schedule changes. She will try Friday during Teacher Work Day. Possible handouts include: calendar of events and "check out our website" paper. All agreed event is overwhelming to most students/parents. They want to grab information and go home to read. Katie & Joanna will be there and will display Show Choir and concert dresses.

DISTRICT CHOIR / ALL VIRGINIA CHOIR, 2/19-21, WEST SPRINGFIELD HS

WHS has 30 District Choir participants and 11 juniors/seniors submitted applications to audition for All Virginia Choir during District Choir. More details coming next week. CBI pays for District/All Virginia auditions and students pay for their participation if selected.

CHOIR FOR A NIGHT RECAP

Katie reported this was a successful and fun event for all. There were many conflicts with middle school activities but we still had a good turn out (15 middle schoolers and 25 high schoolers) and it will be repeated next year.

BUDDY PROGRAM

All Buddies have been assigned and high school student sent letter/wristband to middle school buddy. Three middle schools have Buddies (Stone, Rachel Carson and Rocky Run). Due to additional boundaries changes we might not have Franklin Farm as a feeder school. Becky reported that Mr. Kogut wanted to make sure the high school students and Katie knew how much the letters/wristbands were appreciated. Additional events involving Buddies will be announced during the spring.

COOKIE DOUGH SALES END, 2/6 and DELIVERY, 2/19

Katie contacted Chuck Batt to see if delivery date can be changed as it overlaps with District Choir and she will not be at school 2/19-20. Jennie Joiner will be the coordinator. Joanna will assist with data entry to double check computer order. Orders are due Friday, February 6. Jessica Slater will update volunteer needs in Charms.

SPIRIT WEAR

Back orders from winter order included hat and string bag. Students were informed that items should arrive in March. A refund will be processed if requested. Spirit Store will probably open again in late February/early March. Chorale magnets will arrive this spring. Ensemble t-shirts were designed and should be coming in the next couple of weeks.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Discussion was tabled for the time being.

ORLANDO TRIP

Many details of trip are being finalized. Discussion included:

- ✦ Katie is contacting parents who signed chaperone portion on Registration form verifying they want to chaperone. We need 10 chaperones, plus Director, and the fee will be \$500 for each chaperone.
- ✦ A student slated to go was involved in an incident at school and now has a Disciplinary Record. Trip Registration form states students agree to follow school policies and Honor Code. CBI is considering declining this students' participation or requiring their parent to serve as chaperone. More information is needed before a decision is made.
- ✦ Corporate fundraising letter has been finalized. Joanna will e-mail it to CBI Board and requests help approaching local car dealerships/businesses. To avoid duplication, each Board member should "Reply All" indicating which business(es) will be contacted.

FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER, 3/14

Joanna received emails stating this fundraiser conflicts with SAT test date. Discussion concluded with no change to the date as students can still sell tickets even if they cannot attend or volunteer. A coordinator for this event is needed.

HANLEY HOUSE DONATIONS

The donation delivery will take place on February 24 at 7pm. An announcement will be made for students who can assist with the delivery and possibly sing for residents.

SENIOR FLOWERS (formerly known as boutonnieres)

Becky is coordinating this and has purchased all necessary materials. She will schedule a date for parent/student volunteers to make the flowers. Sandy Sullivan, alumni parent, will teach us how to make them.

OLD BUSINESS

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT RECAP

Dave mentioned how much he enjoyed the Candlelight Concert and the Hippopotamus song. Becky asked if videos from concert would be posted on choral YouTube page. Katie said there was a formatting problem that has prevented videos from uploading.

KEYBOARD

The keyboard, stand and case were delivered to school last week. Pedal is back-ordered and Becky will bring it to school when it arrives. Katie is working with students to move items in the Storage Closet to make a safe workspace for the keyboard. Students could practice there when directed by Katie. Old concert dresses were moved out and representatives from 3 Fairfax County schools with under privileged students will look Friday/Monday to see if the dresses could be used for their concerts.

MLK FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE, 1/18

This Chantilly pyramid event took place at WHS on Sunday, 1/18. Students from grades 7-12, including some WHS choir students, performed.

NEW BUSINESS

DANCE MARATHON, 2/27 from 4-9pm

Buddies will be invited to first 1-2 hours of Dance Marathon. Event will have a dinner break. Students can collect sponsor donations or just show up for a social event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEPTIONS

Discussions with middle school directors determined receptions after pre-assessment concerts would not be the best time. Receptions will be planned later in the year.

WIZARDS NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMANCE, 3/16

Students seem very interested in participating. Katie said there is some confusion about what we need to do now based on discussions with Wizards contact. Plans to date include:

- ✦ CBI collects permission slip and \$25 for each student ticket. To date, 23 students returned permission slips and most requested additional tickets. Payment for student tickets ONLY is required now.

- ✦ Choir is guaranteed 100 tickets and then we can request additional tickets. Payment for additional tickets will be announced after final numbers are determined.
- ✦ If families want to guarantee good seats, it is best to buy tickets directly from Wizards webpage.
- ✦ Katie is working with school to secure school buses and possibly using discretionary funds to pay for them. Two buses will be needed and CBI might need to pay for some of the cost.
- ✦ Students will need to arrive 1.5 hours before game begins. Need 1 additional chaperone besides Katie and it will probably be Mr. Thomas.

YEARBOOK PAGE

Katie is working with WHS Advisor to use official yearbook group picture and individual shots of each graduating senior for choir page.

COURSE REGISTRATION / ELECTIVES

Katie is trying to visit 8th grade classes before counselors meet with students for course registration. Counselors were given a performing arts page for guidance on scheduling rising freshman/sophomores. Katie encouraged students to advocate for themselves if they want to be in choir and not accept a schedule if it does not work for them. Students can opt to take mandatory Personal Finance class in junior/senior year.

SHOW CHOIR

Auditions were held this week for replacements members. New members will be eligible to go on trip if they can meet all financial requirements.

Meeting ended at 8:48pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/1	Trip Cancellation Notice Due	3/10	CBI Monthly Meeting
2/4	Curriculum Night	3/14	Flapjack Fundraiser
2/6	Cookie Dough Orders Due	3/16	Trip Balance Due
2/9	Trip Payment Due	3/16	Wizards Game Performance
2/10	CBI Monthly Meeting Cancelled	3/18	Pre-Assessment Concert
2/16	Student Holiday	3/19-21	District Assessment
2/19	All Virginia Chorus Auditions	3/30-4/3	Spring Break
2/19-21	District Chorus		
TBD	Cookie Dough Delivery		
2/24	Hanley House Donation Delivery		
2/27	Dance Marathon		