

WHS CHORAL BOOSTERS INC.
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2015

ATTENDEES: Joanna Dietz, Shawn Barnes, Becky Martin, Cindy Schelhorn, Dave Gerlitz, and Katie Pierce.

MINUTES

The January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. There was no CBI meeting in February. The minutes will be posted on the choral website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Only students who indicated on the registration form and/or with a payment are included in Charms. Will reconcile most recent list of students going on trip with Charms. All deposits were made since the last meeting and posted in Charms. Invoices for Cassel's and District Choir participants will be settled. The All-VA payment will be made this week for Abigail Martin's participation in April. We received a small check from Claire's Gourmet for profit from web orders. Students who requested refunds from trip payments prior to February deadline were sent out.

HANLEY HOUSE UPDATE

Joanna and Becky delivered the donations brought to the Candlelight Concert to the Hanley House on February 24. The staff was very appreciative of our continued support.

DANCE MARATHON, 4/10

After discussing pros and cons of moving the date, it was decided to hold the Dance Marathon on Friday, April 10. We will adjust the end time and add the parent/student trip meeting from 8-9pm. These events will be added to the Charms and website calendars. Buddy Program students will attend from 4-5:30pm and leave before dinner. Katie will send an invite through the MS teachers. We will need 2-3 parent volunteers and Becky will update Charms with this information.

FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER, 3/14

Becky will send a flyer to PTSA President for posting on PTSA Facebook page and website. Volunteers are encouraged to wear choir apparel. Advance ticket sales are slow but we will make the best of it.

WIZARDS GAME UPDATE

All but 6 of 127 tickets have been sold and teachers have expressed interest in buying those tickets. Approx. 75 students, 3 teachers and Mr. Thomas will attend. Students/ chaperones will ride the bus from Westfield leaving at 2:30pm. Other family members will meet the students at the Verizon Center. If a student does not show, they must still pay for their ticket if it is not sold to another person. Parents can drive students home but must check in personally with Katie prior to leaving. Student tickets will be distributed by Katie at the Verizon Center.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Timeline will follow same as last year with a deadline for submissions of April 30 in the Career Center. Senior Awards Night is June 16 when official scholarship letters will be handed to recipients by Katie. Cindy will organize the Scholarship Committee and proceed with preparing the application packets and working with Diane Villars in the Career Center.

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT, 3/21

Katie will send out an email with the performance times for each ensemble. Bus transportation will be available from WHS to/from Woodson HS with a parent chaperone on the bus. Parents can drive students to/from Woodson but must check out with Katie before leaving.

DISNEY TRIP UPDATE

Chaperones have been a challenge this year. We need 1 chaperone for 10 students, We have 5 confirmed to date with 3 being finalized now. 70 students are registered and that places us in the 35 per bus price bracket. Waterpark and Disney Quest have been eliminated because of the extra expense. We still have a 3-day park pass and group dinner and will likely go to Cocoa Beach, FL for half-day trip and then to Downtown Disney. Students will be 5 or 6 to a room. Show Choir competition is on Friday. Ensemble workshops will be Saturday. Students will have Wed/Fri/Sat in the park. The Directors are trying to stagger departures. Currently, Band leaves at 7pm, Orchestra/Guitar leave at 3:30pm and Choir will leave at 5pm.

FUNDRAISING/VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015-16

Volunteer involvement has been severely down this year. We don't have the support we need for the current type of fundraisers. Discussion about possible fundraisers included: departmental all-night dance marathon, hosting 3 community events, such as the Dance Marathon, Flapjack Fundraiser, and perhaps a bowling event for students/parents. All proceeds from these events would be part of the CBI general funds and benefit all students in the choral program. During the discussion regarding low volunteer sign-up for events the matter of limited Internet access and/or computer access is increasing in our student population. Also, difficulty in remembering passwords/accessing Charms has been mentioned in the past. CBI will consider if SignUp Genius would be easier for volunteer sign-ups and it also has an automated reminder email which is helpful. We have found volunteers assist when they arrive at the event, but do not sign up beforehand.

SENIOR FLOWERS, 3/22

Original date was cancelled due to ice. The new date is Sunday, March 22. Sandy and Molly Sullivan, alumni, will help teach participants how to make the artificial rose worn by senior students during the spring concert. Seniors can take the flowers home after the concert. Parents/students who signed up were notified of the postponement and the new date and will be contacted to see if they can make it on 3/22. If not, an email will be sent asking for additional volunteers.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ourisman Toyota donated a Schafer & Sons baby grand piano to the WHS Performing Arts department. Greg Rupert and Katie went to see it and both agreed to its usefulness. Plan for now is that it will stay in Choir room and will have a lock and cover. The grand will stay on stage in a locked cage so other performing groups can use it. Both pianos can be used for sectional rehearsals and warm upon prior to concerts. We were one of the few high schools in FCPS that did not have an extra piano. FCPS paid to move and tune it. Becky will draft a thank-you to Ourisman.

UPCOMING DATES			
3/14	Flapjack Fundraiser	3/30-4/6	Spring Break
3/16	School Holiday/Wizards Game	4/10	Dance Marathon & Trip
3/18	Pre-Assessment Concert		Meeting
3/21	District Assessment	4/14-19	Disney Trip
3/22	Senior Flowers Workshop	4/23-25	All-VA Chorus