

WHS CHORAL BOOSTER INC.
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2015

Attendees: Cindy Schelhorn, Shawn Barnes, Katie Pierce, Joanna Dietz, Becky Martin and Glenn Martin.

This will be added pending your reply to my email that you are ok with this.

MINUTES

The May meeting minutes were approved via email.

TREASURER

Shawn will do a formal End-of-Year Close Out on June 30 for July 1 start of the fiscal year. A report of the current student balances was discussed and Katie reviewed it for accuracy, especially regarding trip payments. If senior student(s) has fundraising credits in their Misc. Ledger, those funds become part of CBI general fund when they graduate or leave the WHS choral program. Shawn will generate a letter to parents/guardians of applicable students giving CBI authorization to transfer these funds to CBI account on June 30. Cindy suggested including a letter in the Choir Packet next year stating this policy and procedure and the letter would need to be signed and returned.

TRIP

Several students still have outstanding payments due for the trip. Katie reviewed balances due for accuracy. Shawn will contact students/parents providing balance due information. Final cost for 6 students per room was \$749 and 5 students per room \$761. The price per person for the Cuban dinner was \$21; however, students were charged \$7 and CBI paid the balance. Ensemble t-shirts were posted to an incorrect line item and this was corrected. T-shirt prices ranged from \$8-11 each. Students paid \$750 each for the trip.

COST BREAKDOWN

6 students per room	\$749	5 students per room	\$761
Cuban Dinner	7	Cuban Dinner	7
Ensemble t-shirt	10 (average)	Ensemble t-shirt	10 (average)
TOTAL	\$766	TOTAL	\$778

COURSE ACCOUNT

We did not spend as much as we took in or budgeted. Katie has a plan to make the existing audio equipment system more usable and funds from this budget area will be used.

BUDGET

New Executive Board will meet to set up next year's budget. Shawn will clean up finance files and meet with Dave Gerlitz to transfer everything.

PIANO COVER

Katie is waiting to hear if FCPS will provide a piano cover for the new baby grand. She and the students really appreciate having the electric piano. She used it this year to provide a more private

audition setting for next year's placements and students felt more secure in their singing knowing classmates could not see/hear them during the audition.

ELECTIONS

Glenn motioned to accept the slate of officers as presented. Shawn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Congratulations to the new and returning Executive Board members!

CBI OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

President:	Joanna Dietz
1 ST Vice President:	Cindy Schelhorn
2 nd Vice President:	Open
Treasurer:	David Gerlitz
Secretary:	Open

BANQUET

All agreed that the banquet was awesome and well attended. If Noodles & Co. caters again, Shawn recommended entre options be limited to 2. Candy Arthur created the slide show and senior pictures and both were wonderful! Katie is considering not have each ensemble perform but have one piece that all students would perform together. This type of performance would also not require moving the risers to/from the cafeteria. Using the cafeteria round tables was so much easier and quicker for set-up and clean up.

SPIRIT BREAKFAST / COMMUNITY EVENT / FLAPJACK FAMILY FUN FEED

The Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, June 6, was a success. Senior and junior students took the lead organizing this event with Shawn providing guidance as needed. An email was sent to alumni the Tuesday prior to the event. Four alumni and 2 walk-ins joined current choir families. CBI earned \$350 from this student-staffed event. CBI is considering 4 breakfasts next year with an early August kick-off breakfast and encouraging students to use social media to get the word out. Katie will recommend rising seniors and juniors to spearhead these events. Cindy recommended finalizing the dates as early as possible so "local celebrities", such as Mr. Thomas or Jummyx Olabanji, ABC7 News anchor and Stone/WHS choir alumni, could be invited to attend.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lorna Glassman has agreed to be the new Scholarship Chair. Cindy will try to convert current application forms into writable PDFs and have them ready to be uploaded to Charms this summer. Cindy will forward list of 2015 CBI Scholarship recipients to Shawn so he can track form required from each student to receive the scholarship check.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR

Alice Hunt has agreed to serve as Uniform Coordinator next year. Joanna, Katie and Alice will meet to review how uniforms are listed in Charms and do a thorough inventory of all uniforms.

WEBSITE

Becky will update menus and try to add new home page pictures.

RECRUITMENT VIDEO

Katie has been working on creating a recruitment video to show when visiting middle schools. Students have written a script and Katie will continue with them on this project next year.

CHORAL CABARET CONCERT

Many positive comments were received about how well the show flowed. The senior student Stage Manager and the other students she trained to work back stage did a wonderful job and worked together very well. The printed lists of the order and tech needed for each act were very helpful in both wings and on the piano. It was a good mix of music, solo and small groups acts. Katie cut 3 acts from the final concert because they missed the Dress Rehearsal. It was clearly stated on the application form that this was a required rehearsal in order to perform at the Cabaret. The student tech person was there for run-through and that was beneficial.

The functioning sound system and having the board set up out of the sound booth with a trained choir student to manage it worked flawlessly. Katie intends to use the choral soundboard for every concert next year. Stan has offered to lead a workshop to train choral students on the soundboard. The student Show Choir Manager provided much needed tech help during their performances.

ADVANCED STUDENTS SINGING IN OTHER ENSEMBLES

Several Chamber Singers students rehearsed and performed with Chorale and Treble Choir this year. The goal of this was to build community and, in some instances, provided a boost of confidence to underclassman. Next year it will be required for Bel Canto and Chambers Singers students. Counselors and Cafeteria staff now understand split lunches and maybe 2 times a week students next year will go to a different lunches for sectional or Troubadours rehearsals. Parameters for what teachers can/cannot do during Bulldog Block changed this year and it could not be used as rehearsal time which greatly impacted Chamber Singers students rehearsing Choral/Treble pieces. This restriction will continue next year but with more lunchtime flexibility rehearsals should not be impacted as much.

CHOIR PLACEMENT LETTERS FOR 2015-2016

Auditions were completed for students currently registered for choir next year and letters were given to students about their placement. Right now enrollment is stable, with 33 new and rising freshmen students. Katie feels we are in a better place at this time compared to last year. Goldtones will meet Thursdays, potentially from 3-4pm, and will not be an official WHS recognized club. Choir Council could meet on Mondays when there will be a late bus and have a more active role.

GRADUATION

Chambers Singers will sing at graduation and must be at WHS by 6am for breakfast, announcements and loading the bus to drive to the Patriot Center. The band is playing during commencement.

Meeting concluded at 9pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/17	Senior Awards Night	TBD	Early August Spirit Breakfast
6/19	Graduation/Last Day of School	9/1	Bulldog BBQ
TBD	Early July Exec. Board Meeting	9/8	First Day of School