

**WHS Choral Booster Inc.
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015**

Attendees:

Cindy Schelhorn
Katie Pierce
Joanna Dietz
David Gerlitz
Judy Gerlitz
Meg Kilgannon

Recent/Current Choir Happenings:

District Chorus Auditions are Saturday 11/14/15, payment has been made, and schedules have been emailed to parents.

[REDACTED] to Honors Choir November 20-21, 2015.

Chambers/Bel Canto are going to Engility (formerly TASC) November 11 for Veteran's Day celebration.

Football Game Friday, November 13. Chorus is singing the National Anthem. All Choirs are invited to attend. Choir call is 6pm. As soon as the choir performance is over, the students are no longer supervised by Mrs. Pierce. Performing students may be allowed to stay for the game without paying, but students may have to leave the stadium and pay to re-enter, as it is a playoff game and VHSL is in charge.

Budget report

Books are balanced to within .15. Charms is \$1 off. New checkbook has been purchased. October transactions have been posted. Transaction Summary is attached.

Upcoming Events:

Stone Middle School Choir Concert: Wednesday, December 2, reception for their Winter Concert. Need parents to help set up for reception, Stone is providing the food. Katie is going to other MSs next week to reach out. Rachel Carson and Rocky Run are doing their Winter Concerts with other groups, so no reception hosting opportunities with those schools at this point. We are hosting Choir for a Night on December 11 for pyramid middle schoolers.

Martin Luther King Jr. Festival Sunday January 10, at WHS @4pm. Dress rehearsals on January 9. The plan is to make this our pyramid event, involving all the Middle Schools and Elementary Schools. 10 elementary kids from each school and 20 from MS and 20 from WHS. This event will help nurture relationships with elementary and middle school choral programs to try to keep kids engaged in chorus through their high school years.

Fundraisers

Applebees Fundraiser December 5. Flyers went home today through announcements. We will put up flyers in the school and community. Elementary Schools and Middle Schools have gotten the announcement. Teachers are being invited, and it will be in the morning announcements.

Website Help

We need support for the Website, perhaps a parent or student. Katie will provide [REDACTED] information and a board member will contact her.

Trip Update

62 kids are signed up, which is an awkward number for busses. Bus holds 54 people. Waiting to see what happens. If there are only 30 kids per bus, that will increase the cost for those attending. Quite a few kids are still working on figuring out finances. We must have 10 chaperones. Performances will be as a festival choir. About half of the students currently enrolled in choir classes are interested in the trip.

Conversation proceeded around inviting alumni parents to sponsor kids who can't afford the trip; also discussion of approaching businesses and car dealerships to sponsor students in need. We will approach alumni and businesses to fund scholarships. Jummy will be contacted about doing a TV News segment on our need for scholarships. And the students must pay at least \$50 on their own before they will be considered for a scholarship.

* Because too many students have not finished paying off their trip obligations last year, there will be NO SCHOLARSHIPS for students who did not pay their portion of the trip to Disney. *

Show Choir Dresses have been ordered and will be delivered over the next few weeks. Show Choir was asked to perform next week for a special luncheon at the school in conjunction with the Boys Leadership group. Yvonne Henry is doing the choreography and will be with the kids during the performance. The performance is November 20 during the school day. Emily Hunt will be the sub for that day.

Sight-reading Factory

Students need to use the new sight reading program online. 6 kids have completed their assignments for the week.

Miscellaneous: Positive feedback from parents who attended and loved the concert. At future concerts, audience needs to be reminded of general etiquette as well as to turn off their phones.

Winter Concert on December 15th

Winter White Collection to benefit the Katherine Hanley Shelter – items will be collected at the concert. Hope to have volunteer students deliver the items and sing carols to the residents of the shelter.

Next meeting: January meeting on the 5th, 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.