

# TCW Choir Parent Organization

## Meeting Minutes



**February 12th, 2022 at TCWSH at 9AM**

Attendees:

**Directors** - Erich Wangeman, Wendee Wolf-Schlarf, Emerick Dee

**On-Site Participants** - Tom & Heather Hoxsie, Connor Cote, Darcey Gratton, Angela Wiliford, Connor Cote, Kim Sipple, Tammy LaFaive, Natalie Gray

**Google Meet participants** - Kathy Stewart, Allison Kadlec, Heather Stetson-Leman

Called to order at 9:03 AM

Introductions done.

Consent agenda - pre-reviewed

Welcome & Introductions - Tom Hoxsie

- Approval of prior meeting 12/4/21 minutes and consent agenda
  - Motion to accept - Darcey Gratton
  - Seconded the motion - Angela Wiliford

### **Directors reports-**

Wendee Wolf-Schlarf -

All curricular choirs are busy working on music for our upcoming district choral festival (March 1 or 2) and sharpening their music literacy skills with lots of sight reading practice. Cantate Select is busy preparing music for their first performance at the MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival.

We are very proud of all our soloists and small ensembles who participated in the MSVMA District Solo & Ensemble on January 22. They are now busy preparing for the state festival which will take place in Big Rapids on April 8 & 9.

While we are looking forward to our upcoming performances and learning new music, we are still reflecting and celebrating the "Cherish Your Light" experience that culminated in a moving performance at the Michigan Music Conference on January 29 in Grand Rapids. Our TC singers (WSH Bel Canto) combined with our new friends in Voca Lyrics, Big Rapids, had a wonderful journey together through the fall with several "destination" performances along the way. The support we received from our Choir Parent Organization was truly appreciated. Bel Canto especially loved the travel gift bags given to them by Chorale.

["Cherish" Group Photo - Pantlind Stairs](#)

["Cherish" Group Photo - informal](#)

["Cherish" Rehearsal](#)

Erich Wangeman -

We hosted a great District S&E. Many thanks to those who helped keep it running smoothly. West has 24 events going on to the State level which will be held on March 8 & 9 at Big Rapids High School. We are preparing for District Choral Festival which will be held at CHS and also at Benzie High School on March 1 & 2 respectively. Musical is underway and we are so grateful for those who have put on their "Musical Parent" hat to help with the production. It is such a joy to see the families working together to make the production a success. It's going to be a terrific show!

Emerich Dee -

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Budget/Treasurer report - Heather Stetson-Leman -

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[January Bank Statement 202201.pdf](#)

## **Student Rep. Report - (Connor Cote)**

- **2/11/22 Meeting** - Sock drive was a success - surpassed goal of 500 pairs
  - Con Brio won the contest for the most donations
- Assisted in organizing volunteers for various events
- District choral festival occurs 3/1 (CHS) and 3/2 (BHS) during school hours, and it was attempted to match the time students would be in their perspective choirs.
- Next choir council meeting 3/17 - Plans to review placement auditions for curricular choirs.
- Board Display of Activities - Photographs w/ action shots of events are being printed to display.
- Planning celebration activity, perhaps another breakfast or party

## **Committee Reports**

- Social media (Angela Williford) - “
  - Has been working on getting word out for “Meals for Musicians” Fundraiser that is planned for Wednesday, February 16. The Filling Station will donate 20% of all curbside sales between 4:00 - 7:30 PM - look out for links on social media.
    - This is a collaboration with the Central/East Choir Parent organization and we appreciate the Filling Station’s willingness to support our programs.
    - Discussed the benefits of collaborating w/ our neighboring school, and hope to work together more in the future.
  - Mamma Mia - Has been working on assisting social media links and ticketing for the production. A new ticketing vendor is being tried out this year. Will need to call number listed for handicap accessible tickets (cannot be done electronically).
- Ads and Sponsors-(Heather Hoxsie) - No report

- Scholarships (committee) - Tom reports
  - Examined opportunities to maximize scholarship program - considering increasing the amount of scholarship vs offering more, discussed pros/cons/logistics.
  - Music booster audition - numbers were slightly lower than last year, but still strong showing.
  - Discussed how to best optimize distributing the funds
  - All 6 current scholarships from last year are being utilized.
  
- Uniforms (Kami Michael & Natalie Gray) - No report
  
- Choir spirit wear - Tom reports for Sarah Newcomb
  - <https://www.tcwestchoirs.com/spirit-wear> - Check out the year round spirit store.
  - Bike shop Threads - Has offered a profit split, but we want to avoid paying taxes on profits, so after discussing it was decided to request a merchandise price reduction so we can offer better pricing to families.
  
- TC Music Booster rep (Tom Hoxsie)
  - Booster concert is back on live - will be looking for volunteers to help collect donations.
    - This has traditionally been a strong fundraiser for the organization which was not nearly as successful when live streamed last year.
  - Scholarships Awarded to our choir
    - Being awarded \$350 for voice lessons or summer choir camp are:
      - Ainsley Bielman, 10th grade
      - Liam Hoxsie, 11th grade
      - Sydney Kane, 11th grade
      - Trey Stewart, 8th grade
    - Alternates:
      - Annabelle Gray, 10th grade
      - Morgan Jones-Baldwin, 9th grade
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- Next meeting
  - When Tue, April 12, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
  - Where TCAPS Administration Building, Conf Room
- Website - (Tom Hoxsie) - <https://www.tcwestchoirs.com/>
- Front of the House-(Lisa Woodcox) No report
- Mix and Mingle (M&M) - (Site/Location - Angela Wiliford & Silent auction - Subcommittee + Darcey Gratton)
  - Debrief - Huge success!
    - Net profit \$10,330 - see Treasurer report for breakdown
  - Donations to venue hosts (Presbyterian church & St. Francis) - Have not done this in the past, and group decided to start making contributions.
    - Presbyterian church billed services primarily for custodial fee. This was thought to be a fair cost contribution.
    - St. Francis has not charged fees, and it was decided to make a donation on annual basis.
    - Tammy LaFaive made a motion to donate \$250 to St. Francis church for ea use of their facilities (holiday / spring concerts). This will be accomplished with an annual contribution of \$500.
      - Kim Sipple seconded
      - There was no objection and motion passed
  - Silent auction - Discussed pros and cons of keeping it online versus live. Darcey received a lot feedback that participants missed having items to view at the event.
  - Socialization was limited due to covid and auction style (it was observed by many that this years event had a different “feel”). Discussed December holiday theme versus February Jazz theme pros/cons.

- Looking ahead, want to get next years event on the calendar asap. Looking at bigger venues to accommodate larger crowds.
- Placement of musical impacts M&M timing, overlap of ads/sponsors w/ fundraising for silent auction - when both are in the fall it negatively impacts donations (basically asking for money from the same people near the same time).
- Tom shared Sarah Bielman's report regarding food serviced.
- Concern was raised that the concert was not live streamed to the waiting room (student warm-up area), and better plans in the works for next time (students get anxious about missing their queues, and would benefit from having a live view of the event).
- Hospitality (Stacy Brigham) - No report. She brought in baked muffins and yogurt for the musical rehearsing crew - thank you Stacy for all you do!!!
- Recap of recent events
  - Cherish the light concert performance by Bel Canto at the MMC (MI Music Conference) in Grand Rapids on 1/29/22 was very well received, many participants shared how they were moved. Audience appeared to enjoy the music for music's sake.
- District Solo & Ensemble - TCWHS hosted, and went very well.

#### Old business

- See meeting minutes from 12/21 link on consent agenda

#### New Business

- Musical and the CPO's(Choir Parent Organization) role - assist fundraising through Ads/sponsors as well as concession
  - TCAPS supports the musical - Drauma director and Musical director payed through schedule B funding.

- Stage manager, light designer, directors, producers, pit, and tech are also supported by TCAPS, though some of the funding comes out of ticket sales.
- Ads/Sponsors - Reviewed the delineation of choir program and theatre program - two separate organizations w/ many of the same parent volunteers, though many students that participate in musical are not involved in choir (in addition to pit crew, and tech). We desire to keep a clean, and clear separation.
- Final decision clarified to bill MSVMA for four adjudicator lunches. Tom to get in touch w/ Eileen to see how the other 18 lunches would be covered (share expenses w/ central or cover all costs), Heather to provide check.
- Heather reminded us to strive to order correct number programs as CPO pays for this, and in the past we have ordered way too many.

Adjourned meeting at 10:38 am.

- Motion to adjourn - Tammy
- Seconded - Kim Sipple

Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalie Gray