

CHOIR BOOSTER MINUTES

October 12, 2023, 6:30 – 8:10 pm

Virtual (Google Meets)

ATTENDEES

Alison Boyle

Cassandra Bradshaw

Keely Kirk

Anne Kisthardt

Virginia Ruiz

Nelly Solares

Mary Winkler

September minutes approved, moved & seconded

Treasurer's Report

Current balance – \$4,095

- deposits - donations/sales = \$355
- expenses - square payments = \$10

Balance 10/11/2023 - \$4440.54

2 payments pending – balance will be \$4327

Fundraising

- Tag Day - no update, waiting for final donations and for band boosters to finalize tallies
- Ideas/proposals
 - o Charms for Crocs – Robinson HS choir sells Croc charms for \$5 each; can buy bulk for ~\$2 each, with WP logo; can sell at concessions; have to inquire about selling at sports/other events; \$500 initial cost, will make about \$1000 profit; motion to approve spending \$500 for charms, seconded and approved
 - o Silent auction at winter concert – can seek business donations, each class can create their own basket/package to auction; Ms. Solares will ask students for ideas, help getting donations
 - o Movie night at a local theater w/singing theme
 - o Pancake/hot cocoa/coffee breakfast for teachers on teacher workday; Ms. Solares will check with admin about any special rules
- Restaurant nights – waiting for tax exemption paperwork

Fall Concert

- Concessions – chips/candy and small soda cans before show and during intermission; coffee – can ask for donations from coffee shop, and sell at reception after concert
- Program – all set, waiting for list of donors
- 50/50 raffle – cash only, doors open at 6:30 for Earnest Johnson program, can announce raffle @6:40; after Harmonics performs and before last song, can pull winner (could also circulate buckets around audience)

All-District auditions – due Oct. 20, \$10 cash/check , credit payment + fee (TBD); boosters will cover audition fee for anyone who can't afford it; auditions 11/11 at MVHS

Senior Honor Choir – auditions completed; will learn results tomorrow. Boosters will cover costs of anyone who participates; 6 students auditioned; hotel room has been reserved for Ms. Solares

ACDA Honors Choir – 1 student auditioned, results pending

WP Pyramid Concert –request pending in Trader Joe's Old Town for donated flowers, can sell Croc charms, concessions; sales before and after concert; Mary W will check w/Ft Hunt Safeway about flower donations

Willard Hotel performances

- Dates set: Dec 1 & 2
- conflicts w/Alexandria Community Nutcracker performance on 12/1 @WP (choir room not available)
- food for students - last year bought Firehouse Subs box lunches for ~ \$1000 for both days, ate at WP; could get trays of variety of sandwiches from Safeway – cheaper & more variety but not as easy to transport; need to figure out where students can eat because choir room not available after school on 12/1; Ms. Solares & Keely will explore options
- Willard provides tea, hot cocoa, cookies; may not allow outside food, Keely will ask if students can eat sandwiches there
- 35 kids on Friday; 27 on Saturday,

WP Pyramid Tour

- 1/4/2024 = will go first to Sandburg MS (8:30-9:30 am), and stay for 2 class periods; then go to elementary schools until 3:40; lunch 12:15 – 1:00 where TBD (suggestion: if schedule visit to Belle View elementary just before lunch, could go to Primo's, eat in back dining room, Keely will reach out to Primo's),
- 27 students (Harmonics)
- transportation – school buses are less expensive and seem to be better option
- snack bags? Mary W can provide

All-District Choir event

- Feb 8-10, 2024; WPHS hosting all-VA auditions & All-District choir;
- hospitality room for directors and guest conductors; all day Fri and Sat; Boosters provide coffee, water, beverages, snacks, fruit, pastries, lunch (crock pot meals/donations)
- Chic-fil-a – could sell lunches for students as a fundraiser - \$10 for sandwich, chips & drink; can create Google form for each school to submit orders

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm