

CHOIR BOOSTER MINUTES

September 20, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Virtual (Google Meets)

ATTENDEES

Lauran Ashworth

Alison Boyle

Heather Johnson

Keely Kirk

Anne Kisthardt

Virginia Ruiz

Erin Schwartzman

Nelly Solares

Treasurer's Report (Lauran Ashworth)

- by way of explanation, the fiscal calendar is July 1 – June 30; treasurer prepares a monthly report and presents at each booster meeting
- \$2400 in deposits (includes payments for summer retreat, donations & \$865 proceeds from car wash)
- expenses include automatic payments annual fee for Square account; website fee; \$50 to Aldersgate Church for car wash; \$7800 to Camp High Road for retreat, plus \$700 deposit for next year
- ending balance of \$4,095
- reviewed annual budget – estimated income & expenses
 - o some line items are placeholders, such as piano accompanist fees (\$800), last year a student was accompanist (non-paid)
 - o doesn't include cost of buses to Willard Hotel if decide to use charter bus instead of school bus (last year Mrs. Campbell found money in school account that was used for charter buses)
- Taxes – IRS revoked tax exemption because previous treasurer didn't file taxes for 3 years; we have reinstated Fed IRS exemption, but need to file state paperwork for state tax exemption; waiting for approval from 2 state agencies and then we can do restaurant night fundraisers
- Nelly Solares – current school account has about \$5K; \$600 will go for bow ties & sashes, FCPS has allowance for buses (can this apply to charters?); last year boosters paid for driver tips (\$60 total)

Budget approved, moved & seconded

Fundraising

- Tag Day (9/9/23): waiting to get final numbers from Band Boosters; \$17K prelim?
- Upcoming fundraisers: concessions, 50/50 raffle at concert, restaurant nights
- other ideas
 - o teacher workday – half day workshop for younger kids; need to get information out to elementary schools in advance
 - o District choir (WP is hosting) – can sell lunches (Chick fil-a) on both days, give out pre-order forms early – could make \$1000
 - o student leadership has outreach & fundraising ideas
 - o gift wrapping at Tysons mall, caroling in Old Town

- sponsorships from businesses – logos on websites & concert programs (Heather Johnson will investigate); advertising/shout out in spring concert program

Fall Concert – Oct 18, there will be a dedication to Earnest Johnson (former WP choir director) before concert, 6:45 – 7 pm, with reception after

- concessions – sign up genius for donations, credit card sales for >\$5; can sell before concert
- concert program – students will design program; list donors in program – Lauran will give names
- 50/50 raffle - may have intermission or time before last song for 50/50 drawing

District Choir

- Auditions at MVHS Nov 11
- Audition fees (\$10) due to Ms. Solares 10/20; if can't afford it boosters can cover fee; Boosters will write 1 check for all fees to FCPS, by 10/27

Senior Honor Choir Audition – 6 WP students auditioning, \$13 audition fee; reserve hotel room for Ms. Solares in advance (can cancel later)

ACDA Honors Choir – honors choir event in Louisville KY, 3 days in Feb 21-24, 2024; similar to all-VA; students cover costs/fees

WP Pyramid Concert – Nov 14; plan to sell concessions before & after

Concert Black – students will wear all black for concerts (closed-toe black shoes, black bottom, black top, and blue sache/bowtie); new students get blue bow tie or sache; returning students who lost tie/sache will have to pay for new one; some spare black pieces in closet, may need to supplement

Booster positions - fundraising & treasurer; also need volunteers to help w/random things like picking up pizzas or other things during day