



OCRA General Membership Meeting Minutes February 21, 2019 @ 7:00PM Milburn Choir Room

Present: Lisa Bennion, Tony Mast, Marie Berry, Amie Davis, Cindy Beyer, Beverly Baker, and Erick Price

2018/19 OCRA Meetings & Communication

- Monthly meetings - third Thursday of each month
- Online - ocra203@gmail.com and www.othschoir.com
- Facebook pages/groups - OCRA, Great Expectations, Chamber Choir, and OTHS Choir

Minutes - Amendment to January minutes: add Marie Berry to those present. Motioned to approve by Tony, seconded by Marie

Treasurer's Report

- Previous balance: \$9096.76. Current balance: \$9,670.57
 - Deposits - One new sponsor, Texas Roadhouse, Panera, Savers
 - Expenditures - website @ \$225
- Approved budget (back of agenda) -
 - Mr Price believes the AV Office is going to fund the replacements/updates to the microphones at this time
 - Question as to if we can sustain the approved budget without the O'Town Showdown revenue this year. Board members to investigate how much actually came over to the OCRA account, if any.
- Scholarships - Need 2 OCRA parent alumni for committee, plus Mr Price and someone from administration. Senior scholarship applications will be distributed by March 15, due back to Mr. Price by April 15. Members present discussed including Lona Moore, Shannon Sanders, Teresa Van Hoose, and the Haydens. The board will begin reaching out.

Committee Reports & Upcoming Events

- Fundraisers
 - Concessions -
 - Frolics (2/22-23) - Volunteers needed, thanks to those who donated
 - Hunchback (3/28-30)
 - IHSA? (4/13) - Need Mr Price to provide a schedule and venue to make a decision on viability of this effort; decision to be made at March OCRA meeting
 - Dining Outs -
 - January 15 - Texas Roadhouse - \$88
 - Feb 13 - Peel - \$247.78
 - Apr 24 - DQ from 5:00-8:00PM
 - Spirit Gear - Car decals - Jen Bickel gave the ones with the choir logo to Jen Cochran along with the remaining Spirit Gear. If paw print decals are desired, someone will need to check into them for next year.
 - iGive - Need to generate Instructions on how to use this fundraising mechanism and provide to choir families
 - Schnucks - Since Schnucks now does loyalty rewards to its members, most would use that for their own shopping. Members decided to not pursue this further.



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- Sponsor Program -
 - Thanks to Berry family!
 - Marie recommended we revisit community sponsorships; to be discussed further with board members
- Savers - \$442.05
 - Thank you to all families that donated, we will do this again in a similar format.
 - Lisa suggested we consider working with subdivisions who have community yard sales to see if we could pick up items that were not sold as another revenue opportunity.
- Show Choir
 - Join Facebook group!
 - Schedule is on google calendar, see main page of choir website. Two more competitions remaining for the season, March 9 and 16
 - **Parents** – Please get your show choir fees paid; final payments were due **January 28**
- Hunchback, 2/28-30
 - Sign-Up to help run concession stand at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4da5ab2ba02-concessions>
 - Events are on google calendar, see Facebook group.
 - Tickets on sale at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/16119>

Question/Comments/Open Discussion

- Chamber Choir
 - Beverly welcomed the new chamber choir families for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Families should anticipate receiving a Welcome Letter in March/April timeframe
 - Concern on the # of students vs. # of available costumes
 - Question was asked about getting a list of Vocal Coaches out to all new chamber families, Mr Price has a list and will share it with the students
 - Marie Berry, Madrigals Chairlady, has a meeting planned for February 27th @ 6pm for all parents interested in guiding our decision making and planning for this year's shows
 - Mr Price please provide the list of all the Student/Family information to Marie so we can create a mailing list. Names, Phone, Email, Address if possible
- Lighting in Auditorium
 - Mr Price has asked that we focus on fundraising for the purchase of new lighting in the auditorium vs. the microphones
- Fine Arts Showcase
 - Chamber and Show Choirs are performing at the Fulton Fine Arts Festival on March 7
- Season Ticket Idea
 - Tony suggested we look into creating a Season Ticket for all of our paid performances (Madrigals, O'Town Showdown, and Musical). More to follow.
- 2019-2020 Officer Elections
 - We need nominations for candidates in the following positions:
 - President (2019-2021)
 - Vice President (2019-2020)
 - Secretary (2019-2021)



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- Nominations can be emailed to the OCRA203@gmail.com account or given during our March 21 meeting
- Elections will be held during our April meeting
- Any questions regarding any of the positions can be directed to the current Board
- Trivia Night Idea
 - Tony has extensive experience with hosting Trivia Nights, looking at finding a date/location in the fall to hold this event
 - Revenue is generally between \$2,000-\$6,000
 - Will require a lot of work upfront and several volunteers on the night of the event
- April OCRA Meeting
 - Beverly recommended we move our April OCRA meeting to April 25, as the current date falls on the first day of Spring Break
 - Motioned by Tony, seconded by Marie

Next meeting: March 21 @ 7:00PM

Approved 2018/19 Budget

Category	2017/18	2018/19
Capital Expense - Mics	n/a	TBD
Instructional Staff	\$2,000	\$2,000
Media Fund	\$750	\$750
Website	\$75	\$140
Choir Banquet	\$2,000	\$2,000
Robe Cleaning	\$600	\$600
Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,500
Senior Scholarship	\$3,000	\$1,500
Show Choir Scholarship	\$3,000	\$1,500
Misc	\$250	\$250
TOTAL	\$13,175	\$10,240 + capital expense

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Baker 02/25/2019