



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

Beverly Baker, Marie Berry, Patty Swanson, Lisa _____, John Grissom, Ramona Eads, Erick Price, Jen Cochran, Janis Risse, Terica English, Tony Mast, Cindy Beyer, Scott Beyer

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 - Motion to approve February minutes by John, second by Cindy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Previous balance: \$9,670.57. Current balance: \$13,945.98
 - Deposits - Report on previous balance appears to be wrong. Deposits from Peel Pizza and DQ totaled \$597.78.
 - Expenditures - None.
- Budget (back of agenda) - Erick requested to change the fundraising goal to lighting since A/V will buy mics. Members present approved.
- Scholarships - Need 2 OCRA parent alumni for committee, plus Mr Price and someone from administration. Will require 3-4 hour commitment. Suggestions included Penny Cooper and Pam Stacey. Jen will look through OCRA's past contacts.

Committee Reports & Upcoming Events

- Fundraisers
 - Concessions -
 - Frolics (2/22-23) - Missing Saturday stats. \$578 for concessions. Tickets were approximately \$2,024, of which choir gets a portion.
 - Hunchback (3/28-30) - Candy/water inventory will be taken tonight. Need volunteers; Jen will create signup genius list.
 - IHSA (4/12) - Moved to Friday, so no concessions will be sold. Students will be bussed over to milburn campus.
 - Dining Outs -
 - Apr 24 - DQ from 5:00-8:00PM. Jen will create signup for clearing tables.
 - Spirit Gear - We have a fair supply of new shirts, previous shirts, car decals, and bracelets. Terica will inventory old stock and determine what can be re-sold. Someone suggested creating a "choir spirit basket" for sale. Bundled items might sell well, too.
 - iGive - Consider for next year. Would need at least half of all choir families to participate for it to be successful.
 - Sponsor Program - \$1,275 total. Need to advertise early next year. Several parents suggested doing an "un-fundraiser." Since a trip is planned in 2020, individual fundraisers will be needed to help students raise money towards that.



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- Savers - Is there any interest in doing a new one for spring to capitalize on those who are spring cleaning? Members present voted no.
- Trivia night - Tony reported he has tentatively requested the last two weekends in Sep at Holy Trinity, hall and gymnasium are available. Theme is yet to be determined. Needs to be heavily advertised outside the school districts. Each class will be tasked to donate items for baskets. Volunteers will be needed. Tony also started checking into bingo. Equipment could be leased through Tribo, workers would be hired to run it. Potentially a good profit (Moye Elementary made \$27,000 last year).
- Show Choir
 - Congrats to all this competition season!
 - Spring Sing (4/6) - Need a show choir parent to coordinate, contact Culver's. \$5 tickets for ice cream, each show choir student gets 5 free as part of fees.
- Hunchback, 3/28-30
 - Tickets on sale at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/16119>
 - Members present brainstormed ideas to decrease costs/raise money:
 - AA battery donations - Jen will post on Facebook.
 - Silent auction items - Beverly noted it is probably too late to pull this together.
 - During intermission, play "Minute to win it" in costume. Pass baskets like a church offering.
 - Someone to call nursing homes for group sales - Marie volunteered.
 - Sell VIP seats
 - Separate tables for tickets and concessions so that concession line isn't so long. Students will sell candy in auditorium also. Jen will add more volunteer slots to the signup.
- Madrigals 2019
 - April 10 @ 6pm - Welcome/farewell reception for new families. Invitation will be handed out next week. There will be video/picture highlights, description of class, discussion of contract, and reception with snacks.
 - Marie is hoping to meet/talk with Cheryl Fisher to finalize handover of coordinator duties.
- Choir Banquet, 5/9
 - There is currently not a coordinator for this. Jen will check records for Heather's notes from last year.
 - Erick and Lauren are working on the awards.
- 2019-2020 Officer Elections
 - The following people stepped forward as candidates for the following positions:



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- President (2019-2021) - none
- Vice President (2019-2020) - Janis Risse
- Secretary (2019-2021) -Cindy Beyer
- Elections will be held during the April meeting.

Question/Comments/Open Discussion

- Erick noted that current spending will not be met by fundraising. Members pointed to lack of participation. Board will carefully consider number and type of fundraisers next year. Tony is hopeful that trivia night will be successful.

With no other business to discuss, Beverly asked to adjourn the meeting. John made a motion, seconded by Marie. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Next meeting: April 25 @ 7:00PM (4th Thursday due to spring break)

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 |