Minutes from OCRA Executive Board Meeting

August 17, 2021

In attendance: Heidi Buch, Aimie Davis, Amy Dunn, Jennie Karr, Kelly Neighbors, Bernedette Steele

**OCRA Accounts/Treasurer’s Report**:

* As of early August there is $10,026.46 available in the account. There is approximately $11,000 available for Madrigals in the choir account.
* Discussion was held regarding opening a Venmo account for the OCRA group. Heidi will talk to the school to find out how to proceed.
* Discussion was held regarding paying for the accompanist (Andrea) this year. She would typically work 2 days per week, 9 hours per day at a rate of $15 per hour. This comes to approximately $5,000 for the year. This would be paid from the OCRA account. Board approved.
* Discussion was held regarding individual student accounts. Heidi will talk to the school about what to do with monies still in accounts of students who have graduated.

**Choir Director’s Report**:

Retreat Meet and Greet Kick Off Event:

* Retreat for ALL choir students will be held at Smiley from 3:30-5:30 on Tuesday, August 31. Students will walk to the O’Fallon City Park pavilion with Ms Buch at approx. 5:15 for the meet and greet where they will sing as a large choir for the parents and families.
* Board members are working to secure 5 food trucks to be at the park to serve dinner. We will offer to advertise the food truck businesses in future choir programs in lieu of paying deposits.
* There will be three tables (OCRA, Madrigals and Fundraisers) set up at the event to provide information and volunteer sign up opportunities for parents. A donation box will be on the OCRA table.
* Yard games will be available to play at the event. Amy Dunn will create a sign up genius to send for students to bring games.

**Fundraiser Chair’s Report:**

* We have a new fundraiser chairperson….Jennie Karr.
* Car Wash: Saturday, August 28, 2021…10am-2pm at Valvoline in O’Fallon. Posters for the fundraiser have been made and a sign up genius has been sent to students. Amy Dunn, Kelly and Mike Neighbors will be in attendance to chaperone/supervise.
* Tentative plans for future fundraisers are: October 22-Trivia Night (need to secure a venue),

January 15-Puzzle Night (need to secure a venue), April 30-Rock n Roll Bingo (need to secure a venue and bingo company)

* Jennie will be contacting local restaurants to secure monthly Dine to Donate events.
* Jennie will work on getting the Script program back up and running.
* T-shirt/Spirit Wear fundraiser was discussed. Waiting on a new choir logo to be created.

**Madrigals Report:**

* CityFest Parade is Saturday, August 21. A trailer has been secured and will be decorated the day of the parade. There is a small number of chamber choir students participating.
* Homecoming Parade is in October. Kelly Neighbors will work on locating straw bales to borrow for students to use to sit on for the float.
* Discussion of possible caterers was held.
* Discussion of various plans for the show and dinner are being created in case things have to change due to covid protocol.
* Costumes are being picked out and students fitted during class this week.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Neighbors (secretary)