

OCRA E-Minutes - November 9th, 2021

Directors Report:

- **Congratulations** to the 4 students selected to represent OTHS at the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) District VI Jazz Festival this past Saturday in the Vocal Jazz division. It was a great day filled with awesome music.
- **The ILMEA District Chorus festival** for our district will be happening on Saturday, November 20th at Belleville West. It is an all day event. Participants have received information regarding the day's schedule. Refer to for additional details.
 - ◆ A change has been made regarding attire - students will need to wear choir robes to this event. Freshmen will receive theirs in class. Juniors - Seniors are encouraged to be fitted for choir robes on Veterans Day while Madrigals photos are happening (11 - 1:15). If your student will be unavailable then, they should reach out to me to schedule an alternative time to be fitted.
- **Upcoming Concerts:**
 - ◆ December 3-5: The Madrigal Dinner Concerts
 - For a grade for Chamber Choir
 - ◆ December 9th: The Winter Choir Concert
 - For a grade for all choirs minus chamber choir
 - Location is changed to Milburn instead of St. Clare Church.
 - Call time for students is moved up to 5:00pm to allow for ample rehearsal time. Concert will start at 7:15.
 - Choir specific schedule may be determined later.For now, plan to be there at 5pm.
 - **Need volunteers:** Email Ms. Buch if interested/available
 - Door Monitors (2)
 - Videographer (1)

- Photographer (informal - for the choir website & choir promotions) (2)

→ **Recaps from October:**

- ◆ Chamber's trip to McKendree was a great success. They earned superior ratings and had fun doing it!
- ◆ Barmen and Barmaids were auditioned and selected. Thank you to those who encouraged and/or helped students to prepare for those auditions.
 - Students who were not selected may have the option to still participate in madrigals as part of the tech (lights/sound) crew.

→ **The choir recently moved into our new room at Smiley!** It is located next to the cafeteria. When you walk in the front doors, keep going and then turn right as if you are entering the first cafeteria entrance. Walk past the lost and found and the door to our new space is on the right. If you get the chance, stop in sometime to check it out.

- ◆ FYI - I will be requesting student and parent help with refiling and organizing our music in large rolling cabinets. Thanks in advance for volunteering your time to accomplish this huge task. Hoping to start over Winter Break.

→ Be sure to follow our choir instagram for pictures and videos from the year. @oths_choirs

Treasurer's Report:

→ OCRA Account Balance is \$11570.47.

- ◆ Not seeing any payments for the accompanist yet. Heidi will check with the school on that.

Committee Reports:

Madrigals:

- Mads meeting will be happening at 7pm on Tuesday, 11/9 at the Milburn Choir room.

Fundraising Chair:

- Thank you for supporting us on the Texas RoadHouse dine to donate.
- We are hoping to do a Murder Mystery party in January.
 - ◆ Volunteers needed: Looking for volunteers to help plan/organize this awesome idea, especially folks with experience with murder mystery parties! Who can step up? (2+)
 - ◆ Email Jennie Carr at jenniekarr@gmail.com if interested
- Bowling night fundraiser in the works. More details coming later.
- Rock n' Roll Bingo in the works. More details coming later.

Secretary's Report: October meeting minutes are posted on the OTHS Choir website.

Our general next meeting is Tuesday, December 14th at 7pm in the choir room.