

## OTHS Choir Boosters General Meeting Minutes

March 07, 2023

### Executive Board Members

- President: Bernadette Steele
- Vice President: Kris Toennies
- Secretary: Bryan Main
- Treasurer: Stacy Young

### Committee Members

- Madrigals: Kelly Neighbors
- Fundraising: Shannon Shores

### Choir Director

- Ms Buch reported that the Solo & Ensemble was a great success; all students scored 1s and 2s...top scores! Thanks to all who assisted and supported their student; one of the groups had the best performance of the day

- On March 14, the Bradley University Choir concert will perform at the St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church; non-chamber choir students get extra credit!

-- need families to sign up to host students; college students will be hosted in pairs; snack at night; breakfast in the morning NLT 9:45. Need homes for 28 more students. This is a great opportunity for our students to interact directly with college students involved in a music program

- On March 16, there will be a Fine Arts festival. This is a wonderful recruitment event to be held at Fulton Jr. High this year, showcasing the choir with future high school students.

- Ms Buch reported that school board members and college professors are visiting the choir this week.

### Treasurer's Report

- Stacy provided an update of current status of funds which was briefed by Bernadette
- Event sponsorships are coming in
- Bowling event brought in \$440; Hi Point brought in \$50.33

### Madrigals Update

- Going to hold a Madrigals Mixer for old and new kids and parents to share info about Madrigals (April 19 - Wednesday; Location TBD). Great opportunity for families who have been involved in the past to talk about what Madrigals is, what to expect, and the many ways families are needed to help put together this fun event for families and the community.

### President's Report

- Board Member positions need to be filled; will hold elections in April for next year's board.

- Will have two \$300 scholarships (minimum) that will be awarded to seniors

### Fundraiser Report

- Murder Mystery time - I love the 80s to Death
  - March 25, 6 pm doors and buffet dinner; 7 pm show
  - Please invite people personally
  - Buy now to avoid FOMO\*
  - Numerous businesses have chipped in with sponsorships and auction/raffle items
  - EventBrite will facilitate credit cards; cash also accepted
  - Need attendees to volunteer; more info to come on volunteer roles
  - Prizes for table spirit, best costume, and best couples costume
  - Sponsors - Beth ORtega group gave \$500 (Gold); Apex and Hollywood Hair; Bronze - many
- accent Music, Bank of O'Fallon; Others have committed but haven't provided checks yet. Very helpful as we're able to use the funds directly.
  - Some exciting prizes will be up for raffle including a TV; winner will come only from those who purchase \$40 in raffle tickets
  - We're not really looking for more raffle items donations....we're primarily looking for more tickets sold.

### Upcoming Dine-to-Donate events

- Papa John's in March - 20% off if you use the code; 16-19 March
- Edleys on April 15 - Pancake breakfast; will need some help; Please invite people
- Cold Stone Creamery - May 18 - 10% of everything from 4 to 9 pm. Next door to Cold Stone, Mod on Trend Boutique will provide (20% of sales)
- Bowling Friendraiser was an enjoyable event that brought in over \$400 while easing social anxiety
  - There will be a Car Wash in August - date to be determined during our April meeting

### Scholarships

- The choir has 2 \$300 scholarships to give away
- Encourage seniors to apply
- Applications should be out by the beginning of April

### Choir Banquet

- May 11, Thursday dinner - Flamenco's catered last year; need to ID a caterer, costs, decorations, program for evening here at Milburn; Seniors are able to perform if they'd like
- Need some help putting it together
- Seniors eat free and can use their choir student account to pay for other students.

Discussed student accounts (only seniors have them now....because of COVID, no trips have been planned in recent years, so accounts weren't needed for other students for a few years. This program may restart soon.

Upcoming event: Beauty and the Beast, March 31 - April 2. Many choir kids will be performing.

