

OTHS Choir Boosters General Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023

Meetings and Communication

- Monthly Meetings – usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Email communications – ocra203@gmail.com
- Facebook Pages/Groups – OCRA, OTHS Choir, OTHS Annual Madrigal Dinner Concert
- Website – www.othschoir.com

Executive Board Members

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

Choir Director Update

- IHSA Organizational Contest at Murphysboro, April 14th. Concert and Chamber choirs. Wear concert black. Students can bring food or buy concessions. Leave Smiley Campus at 4pm. Chamber choir performs at 6pm and Concert choir at 7pm. Estimated return at 9pm.
- Adrenaline will perform at Edley's pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sat morning.
- Music for All Festival, April 15th. Freshmen (6:45pm) and Treble Choirs (7:25pm) will perform. Call time 6:25pm. Audience cost of attendance is \$5. Note: this is a concert followed by clinician workshop.
- Chamber choir rehearsals scheduled for this Thurs and next Thurs 3-4:30pm (Smiley)
- Chamber choir concert at Faith Lutheran Church on April 21st, 7pm– wear concert black
- O That Jazz concert – Evening Jazz Choir at KC Hall on April 29th – wear concert black
- Reminder – choir needs kids to be present in class/rehearsals to ensure choir success. Missing classes/events may be difficult to make up. Review attendance policy and ensure director is notified of absence at least a week in advance.

Treasurer's Report

- Stacy provided an update of current accounts; since OTHS numbers just published today, monies not all reconciled. Available balance: \$18,104.96; current account balance: \$4,489.19; statement balance (March 2023): \$6,126.57. Anticipated carry over to next year is around \$7K.
- Stacy provided proposed 2023-2024 budget worksheet for review and vote. Changes from previous year included increasing student merit scholarships from \$300 to \$500 each. We added a student needs-based scholarship line of \$2000. This money, at the choir director's discretion, may be used for vocal lessons, choir trips, or other monetary requirement for student full participation. We also added a line item for a new digital sound board estimated at \$4K. After review, boosters members voted unanimously to approve 2023-2024 OTHS Choir Boosters budget as written
- Additional budget change for this year's student merit scholarships was proposed for a vote. Proposed raising amount for 2 scholarships from \$300 to \$500 each. Boosters members voted unanimously in favor.

Madrigals Report

- Costumes have been cleaned.
- Mixer scheduled for April 19th. Opportunity for current Chamber choir students/parents to meet and talk with incoming Chamber choir students/parents.
- Ms. Buch will hold a costume sorting/repair gathering(s) during the summer in prep for next year.

Fundraising Update

- See attached fundraising agenda. Note: 19 tickets sold so far for pancake breakfast. Please advertise on social media.
- Discrepancy on agenda – “Sweetest Fundraiser of the Year” is scheduled for May 18th not the 15th.
- Shannon will look into donating collected items in trailer to Savers and future Savers fundraising opportunities.

Old Business

- Scholarships: Scoring rubric has been created and requirements have been given to the students. Submissions are due April 28th.
- We have one nomination for each 2023-2024 open board position. Nominees are President: Stacy Young, VP: Nikki Kelly, and Treasure: Heather Foraker. General meeting boosters members' unanimously voted all nominees into their nominated positions.
- Choir banquet planning. Bernadette Steele, Kris Toennies, Amy Hettenhausen, and Shannon Shores met to discuss banquet plans. Joe's will be used to cater the event on Thurs, May 11th. Tickets will be \$10 for all attendees except senior students who attend for free. Juniors will bring desserts, sophomores will bring drinks, and freshmen will bring fruit. Director will notify choir members of these requirements.

New Business

- 2023-2024 budget approval: see Treasurers report above.
- Continuity for new officers – will plan a meeting over the summer to cross over.
- Shannon Shores inquired if choir had a shared photo site. Ms. Buch said that there is not one. Shannon will look into this potential.

Key Events:

- April 14 - IHSA Organizational Contest
- April 15 – Edly's Pancake Breakfast/Music For All Festival
- April 19 – Madrigal's Mixer
- May 4 – Final Choir Concert (May 3 – dress rehearsal)
- **May 9 – Last board and general meetings**
- May 11 – Choir Banquet
- May 18 – Cold Stone/Mod on Trend Fundraiser

Next General Meeting: May 9th, 2023, 7pm, Milburn Choir Room