

OTHS Choir Boosters Meeting Minute

January 09, 2024

Meetings and Communication

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

Executive Board Members

- President: Stacy Young
- Vice President: Nikki Kelly
- Secretary: Bryan Main
- Treasurer: Heather Foraker

Committee Members

- Madrigals: Amy Hettenhausen
- Fundraising: Shannon Shores+

General Business

1. Director's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Fundraising Chair Report
4. Madrigal's Chair Report
5. President's Report

1. Director's Report - Heidi Polett

(Extracted from Mrs. Polett's email to parents sent on January 9, 2023)
Smiley Campus Field Trip THIS FRIDAY.

I am so pleased to be taking the smiley campus choirs on a field trip to the Basilica Cathedral in St. Louis this Friday during 1st through 4th hours for a concert by the Missouri State Chorale. Field trip details are on blackboard and a permission slip (Due Thursday) is attached. It is free to attend and students with 3rd or 4th hour lunch should bring a sack lunch to eat on the bus.

Fox Theatre Field Trip: Mamma Mia, Feb 15th

Join the OTHS choir department on an optional field trip to see this show at a great student price (\$55). Parents and family members are welcome to join and will receive the group rating, but they will need to drive their own vehicle. All choir students must ride the bus to the Fox. With prior permission, students may go home with their parents at the conclusion of the show.

There will also be a bus provided. Our group seats are in the Lower Balcony. For more information about the show itself, visit fabulousfox.com. Order form & permission slip attached. Both due with payment by January 17th.

Choir auditions will begin to take place later this month. Students will need to prepare Wassail, The Blessing, scales, and triads. There will also be a sight-reading portion which students will not be able to view before hand. We will talk about the audition process in class and then do the auditions in time slots during class, before/after school, and during advisory as able.

Callbacks for chamber choir will tentatively be Wednesday, January 31st at 7:30 pm in the Milburn Choir Room. All returning chamber choir members and folks who get a callback are expected and required to attend. The rosters will be posted most likely the week of February 12th.

There can be a lot of different emotions that surface with audition processes. Many feel nervous, excited, or uncertain. Please consider having conversations with your student to help navigate these emotions and prepare for a variety of possible outcomes when the rosters are posted. All choirs are great. All choirs make wonderful music and memories.

Peel Dine to Donate

January 17th - Dine to donate at Peel in O'Fallon. Use code 2024 if ordering online. Show the (attached) flyer to your server if dining in. We get 20% of the proceeds!

As always, please update your calendars according to [this digital calendar](#). This will help students and families to keep track of our important events throughout the semester.

Reach out with anything that needs clarification. Happy new year!

2. Treasurer's Report

Discussed competition for students to design OTHS Choir stickers; Prize TBD

Discussed Current Balance Sheet; Account is at a healthy level with ~\$18.9K available

3. Fundraising Chair Report

Dine to Donate:

January 17: Peel Pizza

February 19-21: Nothing Bundt Cake

Fundraiser:

March 16, 2024

A fun night of Music Trivia with DJ! To be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in O'Fallon.

Tickets go on sale: oths.ludus.com/ \$200 per table (8 seats), \$30 individual seat

For this event, we will request sponsorship and silent auction donations from businesses in the community.

4. Madrigal's Chair Report

- Fantastic event in December!
- Discussed some lessons learned; in lieu of an in-person debrief, intend to send a Google form to query parent volunteers for their insights and recommended improvement areas

5. President's Report

- February Frolics is Feb 9-10. We are selling concessions before the shows and during intermission. Please sign up to donate concession items and/or work at the concession stand.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA5AB2BA02-oths13#/>

If you wish to donate to the OTHS Choirs, there is a registry of needed supplies posted at:

<https://www.myregistry.com/organization/oths-choir-o-fallon-il/3416334>

The Choir Event Calendar is posted here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f4TVrfjiG_RlvA4_dkMC0rWgelh9fQau658PFSJIQAY/edit

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13 (7 pm for parent meeting)