

OTHS Choir Boosters Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2025

Meetings and Communication

- Monthly Meetings – meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (usually)
- Email communications – jennieross200@gmail.com
- Facebook Pages/Groups –, OTHS Choir, OTHS Annual Madrigal Dinner Concert, OTHS Choir Boosters, OTHS Choir Parents Facebook Group
- Website – www.othschoir.com

2025-2026 Executive Board Members

- President: Mike Buatte
- Vice President: Courtney Sutherland
- Secretary: Jennie Ross
- Treasurer: Julie Britsch

Committee Members

- Madrigals: Jennifer Sexton/
Vonda Walker
- Fundraising: Sarah Ward

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

- Spiritwear on sale for limited time
- Scholarship discussion for student voice lessons
 - Create an agreement contract, only 1 semester
 - Would be every other week (max of 3 per month)
 - Contract: student owes if doesn't show up
 - After 2 unexcused missed lessons, contract is cancelled
 - Open to any student on free/reduced lunch program
 - Max amount of \$35 per half hour lesson
 - List of approved vendors will be provided
- ILMEA Audition videos due 9/29
 - Audition Prep workshop at SIUE Friday, Sept 19
- Fall Concert, Thursday Oct 30
- Jazz Concert scheduled May 1 at O'Fallon Amphitheater
- Additional item: choirs singing at the Way of the Lights (Our Lady of the Snow Shrine).
 - Heidi will look into it, Mike sent her the information.
 - Goes through first week of January

- Car Wash for next year:
 - Coordinate with Mums sale and Band yard sale, post a sign
 - Remember to advertise at Bank of O'Fallon
 - Liked the location at Smiley South
 - Sign up genius: LONG hoses with nozzles
 - See if Heidi can get swipe access into building for bathroom and power access
 - Generic yard signs "This Saturday" car wash, reusable
 - Check into permissions needed for yard signs

Private Voice Lessons - A contact list of local voice teachers may be found here:

<https://www.othschoir.com/student-resources/>

2. Treasurer's Report

See Current Balance Sheet

- Adding in \$\$ for needs based scholarship for voice lessons
- \$1,400 for car wash
- Look into a separate account for show choir: \$9,000
 - Possibly merge/change name for Adrenaline account

3. Fundraising Chair Report

- Peel Dine to Donate update: \$144.12
- Joe's Pizza in Sept 16-18, mention OTHS Choir
- First Street - Oct 15
- Life Long Music Grant - easy to submit (estimate \$2,000 available)
 - Looking to support Madrigals this time
 - Possibly ask for skirting, shelving, costumes
 - Sarah needs links to the items for costs
 - Grant opens again in January and May - possibly towards shells
- Look into advertising at Bank of O'Fallon for events
- Possibly order mugs/cups for choir and/or madrigals
- Going to try for Bingo Night this year, if not then it will be Trivia night

4. Madrigal's Chair Report

What is Madrigals? Click on this [Mads Presentation Link](#)

- Accessing Booster accounts, can't get into DropBox or Gmail
- Need to purchase a few more costumes
- We have kitchen approval for the event, just clean and don't use their products
- Waiting to hear back from Eckert's for cider
- Caterer is confirmed
- Consider purchasing folding carts to use

5. President's Report

- Ideas/Areas of support
 - 1. New shells for behind the risers at concerts, per custodial staff recommendation - possibly split cost with band/orchestra?
 - Sarah will reach out to Band Boosters President
 - We need measurements or have a rep come give a quote
 - See if this can be part of the spring grant
 - 2. Cleanout & reorganize choir robes (approx 200 robes)
 - Needs to be professionally dry cleaned
 - Need new closets strong enough for the weight, maybe just buy new rods and brackets and replace
 - Sort which ones need to be kept or not (tears, stains)
 - Reorganize by size
 - Pick a date to make it happen
 - 3. Purchase new skirting for the Madrigals risers - part of the fall grant
 - 4. Purchasing and installing [storage shelves](#) for sound equipment, preferably with a cover to prevent dust at Smiley - part of the fall grant
 - 5. [covered closets](#) for Barmen/barmaid costumes - have already been delivered
 - 6. Sound proofing the Smiley practice rooms with sound-absorbing panels

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: Oct 14, 2025

Choir Calendar



Adrenaline Calendar

