

USC Choral Booster Minutes

September 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Epler at 7p.m. Melissa thanked everyone for attending. The minutes from the May 2016 meeting were approved. The minutes for the August 2016 meeting were amended and approved. *Please note the Men's Ensemble will not be attending the choral trip to Norfolk, VA in April.*

Executive Board Reports

President~ Melissa Epler

- In an effort to go green, the USC Choral Booster minutes and agendas will be available for everyone to print off of our website (uscchoralboosters.com).
- Look for emails from the boosters
- Check the website often

Vice President~ Maureen McDonough

Incentives Chair~ Lisa Henricks

Secretary~ Michele Sandford

- If you have any trouble receiving emails, let me know and I will update your contact information.
- Please double check an email you are responding to in order to see who your email should be directed to rather than just hitting the reply button which will send it to our general email account and take longer to get to the correct person

Treasurer~ Lisa-Anne Smith

- Reimbursement document on website for committee chairs or people who work on committees and need to have expenses reimbursed
- Lisa gave an excellent and detailed presentation on the budget which is posted on our website
- We will vote on the budget at our next meeting in October

Membership/Wardrobe~ Brooke Tarcson

Faculty Reports

Miss Lorraine Milovac~

- Thanked everyone for coming and thanked Choral Boosters for everything we do
- Pops concert Oct. 18th at 7p.m.
- Allegheny Courthouse performance date is Monday, December 19th at 12:20p.m.
- Everyone invited to attend
- Students perform for about 45 minutes on the staircase of the courthouse
- Mr. Beck sets up the choral singing in South Hills Village. We do not have a date as of yet. The singing at the mall raised money for the Salvation Army, last year.
- Men's Ensemble invited to sing at a men's festival at Westminster College

- They will be singing a fifteen minute set by themselves

Mr. Hunsberger~ *Mr. Hunsberger was unable to attend due to the fall play callbacks but Amy Connors gave his report.*

- Fall play callbacks tomorrow (9/13/16) @ 7 in LGI
- Mr. Hunsberger should be able to announce the board approved fall play director tomorrow (9/13/16) as tonight (9/12/13) there is a board meeting and they should be approving his hiring
- Nothing official yet but the new fall play director may be working as a team with Mr. Hunsberger on the spring musical
- Students are performing a cold reading tomorrow from a play that has been possibly selected for this year's fall play
- Based on cold readings they will see if this play is a good fit for the students
- Large amount of talent and they are trying to select a show to showcase this talent and also allow for a large cast
- Choir rehearsals have started at Fort Couch.
- Julie Halpner visited the Fort Couch choir to share information on upcoming Fort on the Field.

Mr. Pickel~ no report

Committee Reports

Giant Eagle Gift Cards~ Wanda Reynolds

- Sales going well
- Easiest way to reach Wanda is through email or text
- You can stop over most evenings as she is usually home by 4:30p.m. and she is usually up until to 10p.m. to pick up gift cards.
- Wanda lives in Trotwood Hills

Wardrobe~ Debbie Schubert

Debbie was not present but Melissa Epler read her report.

- Thanks to everyone who helped with fittings
- 8 girls and 4 boys left to be fitted, working on an alternate time to fit them

Joe Corbi~ Sarah Leach

- Monday (9/18/16) will be the kickoff
- Sarah is working with and corresponding with Joe Corbi band chair Laurie Luberto
- Please go to Sign-Up-Genius on USC Choral Booster website to volunteer

Pops Concert~ Ellen Halloran

Ellen was not present but Melissa Epler read her report.

- Concert is Oct. 18th @ 7p.m.
- Volunteer slots already filled on Sign-Up-Genius
- There is a charge to attend (\$5)

- The money goes to Miss Milovac for her activity fund

Sarris Candy~ Susan Speer

Susan was not present but Melissa Epler read her report

- Oct. 30th through Nov. 11th
- Pick up date Dec. 10th
- Susan would like to know if families would be interested in online sales in addition to catalogue sales
- Membership wanted to know if the incentives earned would be different online

Yankee Candle~ Kathy Schenker

Kathy was not present but Melissa Epler read her report

- Same dates as Sarris candy
- Already on online option
- Small difference in incentive earned if order is placed online
- There is a mobile phone app you can use as well to place order

Sarris Candy and Yankee Candle committees will need volunteers for distribution!

PMEA Honors Choir~ Maureen McDonough

- Choir festival
- Will take place at Westminster Church
- Two day event
- USC Choral Boosters will be providing snacks
- USC Choral Booster extra expenses budget will be used for this
- Twelve different schools attending
- Volunteers needed with snack and lunch set up
- Runs all day Friday until 4p.m. and Saturday until 1p.m.

Madrigal Dinner~ Doris Glover & Tara Rankin

- Great success last year
- Purpose of event is not to make money
- We already have a caterer and have spoken to Westminster Church
- Great opportunity for parents of freshman and sophomore students to volunteer and see what it's all about
- Will need even more volunteers than listed on Sign-Up-Genius.
- Ironing is a big job
- Last minute volunteer jobs will come up the day of and the night before

Choral Trip~ Tara Rankin

- A choral trip letter will arrive in the mail by end of the month
- If you don't get letter at the end of the month let Tara know
- Deposits due in October

- Everything regarding choral trip will be online after the initial mailing

Miss Milovac shared the following information regarding the choir trip:

- Students will have performances judged
- Students will be able to spend a few hours in Williamsburg
- People from all over the world attend
- Military tattoo~ Color guard, marching bands, bag pipers, dancers and singers and other groups related to military and NATO in some way
- Very patriotic event
- Scope Arena is where performances will be

Pantheon Banquet~ Open

- Alysia Keating volunteered to chair this position! Space is already reserved for the banquet.
- May 19, 2017 date of banquet

Senior Recital~ Holly Jones

- June 3rd
- Space already reserved at Christ United Methodist
- Seniors perform
- Attendance open to everyone

Holiday Reception~ Debbie Carse

- December 13, 2016
- Same budget as last year

Upcoming Dates~

9/18~ Joe Corbi fundraiser begins

10/10~ Booster Meeting

10/18~ Pops Concert

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

