

USC Choral Booster Minutes October 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Epler at 7:06 p.m. The minutes from the September 2016 meeting were approved with one amendment to the start time of the Pops concert which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Board Reports

President~ Melissa Epler

- Melissa did not have a report but thanked everyone for all of the hard work going on with the various committees.

Vice President~ Maureen McDonough

- No report

Incentives Chair~ Lisa Henricks

- Incentives will be updated once Lisa receives the Joe Corbi sales information as well as the most recent Giant Eagle sales.
- Not many students had a balance carry forward from last year.

Secretary~ Michele Sandford

- No report

Treasurer~ Lisa-Anne Smith

- September beginning checking account balance was \$21203.27 and the ending balance was \$23403.27.
- We had income from Membership, Wardrobe and Giant Eagle gift cards.
- We didn't have to pay for lifeguards at the Welcome Back Picnic so money came back.
- Expenses were for Giant Eagle gift cards.
- Our savings account balance is \$27772.40.
- Designated funds are: Fort Couch \$2080.29; Incentives \$3349.32; Trip \$842.75; Wardrobe \$7909.51
- Reminder for chair people to turn in reimbursement forms within a month of an event being wrapped up.
- If anyone wants to be treasurer next year, please sign up now and you can work with Lisa-Ann as she goes through various things. This will be very helpful for next year.
- Lisa-Ann gave a detailed presentation on the budget which is posted on our website.

Membership/Wardrobe~ Brooke Tarcson

- Still waiting for a few students to pay for wardrobe.

Faculty Reports

Mr. Pickel~

- No report

Mr. Thomas Hunsberger~

- Please see attached letter

Miss Lorraine Milovac~

- Pops concert on Oct. 18th at 7:30 p.m. Student call time is 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and sold at the door. Pops concert is the only fundraiser in which the proceeds go to the choir student activity account. The concert will be a favorites theme.
- Oct. 28th & 29th USC and North Hills HS are hosting PMEA District 1 Honors Choir that will take place at Westminster Church. 8 USCHS students were selected to participate, along with students from 38 school districts.
- Nov 4th Sweet Harmony~ Four 9th grade freshman girls participating.
- Nov. 11th Chanteclairs singing at Upper St. Clair's Veteran's Memorial. Fort Couch band might play and Baker chorus as well.
- Nov. 18th ~ Two freshman boys participating in Mucho Macho choir festival at West Allegheny.
- Nov. 19th Madrigal dinner
- Nov. 21st District Chorus auditions, tracks available on the website.
- December 18th Pantheon choir performing at Allegheny Courthouse at 12:20 p.m.
- Dec. 21st Chanteclairs and Men's Ensemble performing at the mall (*not yet set in stone*), money raised goes to the Salvation Army.

Committee Reports

Giant Eagle Gift Cards~ Wanda Reynolds

- Sales are going great.
- Another order has been placed.
- Please don't feel badly coming to Wanda's even at 8 o'clock at night. It's fine.

Wardrobe~ Debbie Schubert

- A few dresses and tuxedos still need to be picked up.
- Shirts have been distributed.
- Hemming left on one dress and one other dress needed to be ordered.

Joe Corbi~ Sarah Leach

- All orders are in and sorted out.
- Directions were not followed very well with checks made out to wrong thing.
- Idea for next time is a collection envelope with a sticker detailing who to write the check to.

- Collection time is 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on Nov. 5th in the foods room #304.
- \$ 4,174 worth of items ordered.

Pops Concert~ Ellen Halloran

- Fall decorations for the tables in the entryway
- Getting cash box
- Volunteers all set
- \$5 admission fee, money collected goes directly to the choral department.

Sarris Candy~ Susan Speer

- No report

Yankee Candle~ Kathy Schenker

- Oct 30th-Nov. 11th with online sales running until January 11th
- Packet has direction sheet that tells you how to set up online account
- Catalogue is scratch and sniff
- Yankee candle store will exchange if you don't like the smell
- Thanksgiving items available
- 40 percent incentive
- 30 percent of their sales goes into student account
- 10 percent goes into choral booster account
- Online sales over 100 dollars has free shipping
- Sales tax with online orders
- No sales tax with the catalogue
- Email coming with bullet points
- We need volunteers and someone to take over next year

PMEA Honors Choir Festival~ Maureen McDonough

- October 28th and 29th
- Hosting 38 schools and around 150 students
- Held at Westminster
- Provide breakfast for teachers, lunch and snack for students
- Need more volunteers
- Help set up snack and lunch and deliver the kids
- Coffee and banquet on Sat. the 29th
- Concert is at 2 o'clock
- In the next week an email will be sent for volunteers

Madrigal Dinner~ Doris Glover

- Everything on track with caterer, date, menu, numbers, etc.
- Erik Warmbein & Alexa Rieger selected as King and Queen.
- Patrick Glover & Carly DeCock presenting invitations to Board Members at the Oct. 24th School Board meeting.
- Parents of Chanteclair members will be receiving their form on Oct. 25th.

- Anyone interested in helping can sign up on Choral Booster website or contact Doris Glover via email (doris.glover@yahoo.com) or by phone.
- Need 5 volunteers to iron the afternoon before the dinner, Friday, Nov. 18th from 3-9. You do not have to stay the whole time.
- Need 5 server supervisors the night of the dinner. Linda DeMar will be in charge of organizing your duties.
- Holly Jones working on wardrobe and getting everyone fit.
- A little bit of alterations being made to costumes.
- Luggage tags were purchased.
- Madrigal dinner made \$219 last year.
- Need a few things like headpieces, etc. If we had a budget for that it would be good.
- Men's ensemble and clarion choir performing

Choral Trip~ Tara Rankin

- Tara out of town this past weekend if you tried to bring her money.
- There is a tupperware container (not a cooler) to leave deposit in on her porch.
- Money due by 9pm this Sunday (10/16/16).

Spring Musical Raffle Baskets~ Maureen McDonough

- If you get a gift card or receive something that you won't use, set it aside for us as we can combine it with other things.

Old Business

Approval of Budget

- Clarification that Madrigal did not use CB funds last year, but we will keep \$200 in the budget for Madrigal.
- Submitted information for taxes for 2015/16 and the price went up \$25, \$425 instead of \$400.
- Will change that in budget
- Motion to approve budget as amended.
- Budget approved.
- Changes will be on the website.

New Business

Upcoming Dates~

- 10/18 Pops Concert
- 10/22 Thespian Club Cabaret
- 10/26, 10/27, 10/29, 10/30 Fall Play
- 10/28, 10/29 PMEA Honors Choir
- 10/30 Sarris Candy and Yankee Candle Fundraisers Begin
- 11/14 Choral Booster Meeting

ADJOURNMENT~ *The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.*

Report from Mr. Hunsberger

Fall Play performances will run October 26, 27, 29 at 7:30pm and October 30 at 2:00pm. Tickets for Look Homeward, Angel can be purchased at the door and are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. We are always looking for volunteers to help with fall and spring productions. Any parent or student interested in painting, props or costumes is welcome to join us for the final weeks of preparation and can receive more information by contacting me.

Our director Mr. Larry Cervi has worked training students in the Arts for 48 years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in education and a Master's in Theatre at the University of Pittsburgh. He taught English at Swissvale High School, and then Speech and Drama at Churchill Area High School for 21 years where he also directed the school's theatre productions. He has also worked for the Community College of Allegheny County directing shows at the Boyce Campus in Monroeville Pa. During this time, he also served as choreographer for two major university marching bands, and directed competitive drill teams. He found the Larry Cervi School of Performing Arts in 1986, and the East End Kids, a professional teen song and dance ensemble. Larry has directed plays and musicals at Riverview, West Allegheny, North Hills and Montour School District in addition to working for the Jewish Community Center. Most recently, he served as director of fall and spring productions for Gateway School District.

I am very glad that Mr. Cervi has agreed to join us for this production of Look Homeward, Angel. I know that the cast of the fall play has learned a lot from him during the few weeks they have been together and he has really enjoyed working with our talented students.

The membership drive for Choral Boosters at Fort Couch will begin next week. Melissa Epler will be available to talk to parents during the upcoming extended rehearsals for Mixed Group and Women's ensemble.

I will be welcoming Mr. Joshua Gillott to Fort Couch on October 24 for his final student teaching placement. He will be working with students at Fort Couch through the beginning of December in general music and chorus.

I look forward to sharing musical news with you at the next meeting!

Tom Hunsberger
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Fort Couch Middle School
Upper St. Clair School District