

USC Choral Booster Minutes
January 9, 2017

Call to Order

The January meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Choral Booster President Melissa Epler. The minutes from the November 2016 meeting were approved.

Executive Board Reports

President-Melissa Epler

Melissa clarified that the choral boosters and the high school musical are two separate entities. Melissa and the choral boosters do not know about musical rehearsal times, tickets, etc. At times the musical will ask the choral boosters to share information, but for the most part for information regarding the musical you should use the Remind app or the USC district website under expressive arts and music where a musical calendar is posted.

Vice President-Maureen McDonough

See Maureen's report under Musical Baskets

Chair of Student Incentive Accounts-Lisa Henricks

The incentives are up to date. If you email Lisa at rschericks@comcast.net she will give you your child's balances.

Membership-Brooke Tarcson

No Report

Secretary-Michele Sandford

No Report

Treasurer-Lisa-Ann Smith

Opening checking balance was \$36,833.87.

We had income from HS Membership, Joe Corbi, Madrigal, Sarris and Yankee Candle totaling \$3,818.02.

We had expenses for Giant Eagle gift cards, PMEA Choir, QuickBooks, Tax Prep, Trip and Wardrobe totaling \$14,425.49.

Our ending checking balance is \$26,226.40.

Our savings account had \$1.82 interest for an ending balance of \$27,775.24.

Please turn in reimbursement for and any receipts you have for previous events. Reimbursement forms can be found on the USC Choral Booster website.

Faculty Reports

Faculty Advisor-Don Pickell

No Report

Producing Artistic Director-Tom Hunsberger

No Report

Choral Director-Lorraine Milovac

No Report

Committee Reports

Giant Eagle Gift Cards- Wanda Reynolds

Wanda reported that sales are going great and over \$60,000 of gift cards have been sold. Please call Wanda if you are interested in purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards. You may come to her house to pick the gift cards up as late as 8 p.m.

Wardrobe-Debbie Schubert

Debbie presented a few scarves that could be worn by both the Women's and Clarion choirs when performing. The scarves cost \$3.90 each. The color scheme would keep with USC colors. Debbie is planning on showing the scarves to Miss Milovac.

Joe Corbi-Sarah Leach

No Report

Pops Concert-Ellen Halloran

No Report

Sarris Candy-Susan Speer

Spring Sarris sale starts February 10th and ends February 27th. The orders will be delivered April 1st.

Yankee Candle-Kathy Schenker

Kathy reported that we have until January 11th for online orders. There were 19 total sellers (3 online and 16 catalogue). There were \$2,280.00 in total orders. \$912 profit dollars and \$684 went into student accounts. Last year \$1,200 dollars more was sold. **We are still looking for a Yankee Candle chair for next year. It's easy and one person can do it. Please consider taking on this role! President Melissa Epler thanked Kathy for chairing this fundraiser for four years!**

A discussion regarding Yankee Candles occurred. It was mentioned that the Yankee Candle stores run such good sales that it might be good to have a fundraiser for something that you can't get easily at a local store. Selling wrapping paper was mentioned as a possible fundraiser since it is no longer being sold at Boyce. Counterpoint is that Yankee Candle gives a very good

profit and now carries very nice wrapping paper.

PMEA Honors Choir Festival-Maureen McDonough

No Report

Madrigal-Tara Rankin

Hear ye, hear ye! Thank you again to everyone who helped make the annual Madrigal Dinner another success! Approximately 155 people enjoyed the Madrigal Dinner where the Chanteclairs, Men's Ensemble and Clarion Choir performed. At least thirty ladies assisted in wardrobe, set up or kitchen prep. A wonderful evening was had by all! Special thank you to Patricia Smith who donated her 50/50 earnings back to the Choral Boosters! The Madrigal Dinner goal is to break even and we were able to do that and even raise a nominal amount for next year! As of November, Tara, Holly and Linda plan to continue in their roles for next year.

Holiday Concert Reception-Debbie Carse

Debbie reported that Colette Lekachman is taking over the chairing of the Holiday Concert Reception next year. Debbie has the guidelines typed up to pass on to Colette.

Overall the reception was a success. Next year, it was suggested that Miss Milovac invite the concert goers to the reception with an announcement during the concert. It would be good to have the reception advertised on the concert program as well. Perhaps we could have music during the reception. There were 5 trays of cookies and we had 2 1/2 trays left. There was a \$400 budget and \$326.47 was spent.

Spring Musical Backstage Greetings-Cheryl Welch

No Report

Spring Musical Raffle Baskets-Maureen McDonough

Melissa reported that we have permission to have raffle basket tables and backstage greetings for the musical. The baskets and backstage greetings are the only fundraisers we have for the Choral Booster's general fund. Please consider donating gift items for the baskets. It would also be wonderful if anyone wants to create their own basket and donate a fully finished basket. We can also use gift cards or cash and turn them into something great for the baskets. Please call or text Maureen at 412-551-8676 with any questions or ideas. Maureen is going to get the committee together soon to start the collection. We need people to work the basket tables for every performance of the musical. Nancy Feldman will be coordinating the scheduling of this. Choral Boosters made about \$2,000 last year with the gift baskets.

A discussion was had about the possibility of a 50/50 raffle as another fundraiser. Another fundraiser idea discussed was the sale of individual roses. Last year, the sale of individual roses was a very successful fundraiser throughout the Fort Couch musical. These roses would not be replacing the traditional backstage greetings but would be an additional item for family and friends to purchase as well as the backstage greetings. The process would be simple. Roses would be sold and handed out as people walk through the lobby.

Choral Trip-Tara Rankin

Everything is on track for the spring trip. The latest email was about chaperones... Any parent interested in being a chaperone should be sure to read the email. Any questions can be directed to Tara.

Pantheon Banquet-Alysia Keating

Alysia reported that she is meeting with Brooke Tarcson to get information regarding the banquet. A discussion was had regarding having the banquet on a Sunday evening instead of a Friday night. Last year many students were ready to leave super fast on a Friday night and didn't stay for the DJ. It would also be less expensive to rent the banquet room on a Sunday night. Alysia working on reserving a place and picking a date.

Senior Recital-Holly Jones/Gary DeCock

No Report

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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