

## **USC Choral Booster Minutes February 13, 2017**

### **Call to Order**

The February meeting was called to order by President Melissa Epler at 7:05p.m. The minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved.

### **Executive Board Reports**

#### **President-Melissa Epler**

Melissa informed us that the Musical has asked the Choral Boosters to purchase a water cooler dispenser base (*not actual water jugs*) which costs \$119.00 (approximately \$130.00 with tax). A motion was made to purchase the water cooler base. The purchase was approved with 8 members present. 1 member abstained, 1 member voted no, and the remaining members approved. Before this purchase is made, it was agreed that a thorough search would be made throughout the high school to make sure the base was not misplaced.

#### **Vice President-Maureen McDonough**

See Musical Raffle Baskets below....

#### **Incentives-Lisa Henricks**

No report

#### **Membership-Brooke Tarcson**

No report

#### **Secretary-Michele Sandford**

No report

#### **Treasurer-Lisa Ann Smith**

Lisa requested for anyone who has received a check from the Choral Boosters to please cash them, and for anyone with outstanding expenses, please use the reimbursement form under Documents on the website to submit the expense as soon as possible.

- Checking account started at \$26,226.40
- Checking account Income of \$13,350.00
- Checking account expenses of \$6,026.47
- Checking account ending balance of \$33,549.93
- Savings account balance \$27,775.24
- Savings account interest of \$0.97
- Savings account ending balance \$27,776.21

## **Faculty Reports**

### **Faculty Advisor-Don Pickell**

No report

### **Producing Artistic Directory-Tom Hunsberger**

No report

### **Choral Director-Lorraine Milovac**

Miss Milovac sent in the following report:

16 students participated in District Chorus: Josiah Ackerman, Chase Banton, Maggie Connors, Mackenzie Damon, Carly DeCock, Jonah Glunt, Connor Halloran, Christian Jones, Wyatt Keating, Annabel McQuillan, Zoe Rankin, Andrew Rauber, Logan Reynolds, Eva Schenker, Jack Smith, Rebecca Speer

9 students will be attending Region Choir: Carly DeCock, Mackenzie Damon, Jonah Glunt, Connor Halloran, Christian Jones, Andrew Rauber, Logan Reynolds, Eva Schenker, Jack Smith

### **Performance Opportunities:**

Chanteclairs will be participating in the Heinz Chapel Chamber Choir Festival on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3:30pm at Heinz Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The Lower Dauphin High School Chamber Choir and the Heinz Chapel Choir will also perform. The choirs will be adjudicated by Marvin Huls, former Choral Activities Director at Seton Hill University and Mark Boyle, current Choral Activities Director at Seton Hill. The Concert is free and open to the public.

The Men's Ensemble will definitely be participating in the Westminster College Men's "Brothers in Song" Festival on Thursday, March 23 at Westminster College. The festival focuses on changed men's voices. Boys from area high schools and the Westminster College Men's Choir will rehearse several songs during the day to perform at a concert in the afternoon. Our Men's Ensemble will be singing a fifteen minute set of their own music on the program, as well. The guys will leave USC at 7:30 am, and return to USC around 5:00pm. The concert is at 3:00pm and is free and open to the public. Bus transportation will be provided. March 23 is a half day of school and students have the following day off. Since we are paying \$15 per child for the festival, I would appreciate knowing by Friday if a student cannot attend.

I have invited the Clarion Choir to perform in a concert with my University of Pittsburgh Women's Choral Ensemble on Mother's Day, May 14 at 3:00pm in Heinz Chapel. The staff at Heinz Chapel told me that it was HJ Heinz's idea to honor his mother with a building, so the staff thought it might be nice to have a Mother's Day concert that afternoon. I told the girls in Clarion to check with their families to make sure that it was something to which they could commit, otherwise we would not do it. It would be unfortunate if 25 girls said they could come, but at the last minute 12 showed up. It has happened to me before with a Clarion Choir group, so before I say yes, I need to know if it is possible. The Clarion girls will sing a couple songs with

my college choir, and a couple on their own in Heinz Chapel. the concert will be free and open to the public.

The leads for the musical will perform at a Senior Citizen luncheon on Wednesday, March 1 at 1:00pm at the old Rec Center.

Carly DeCock will be representing USCHS by singing at the National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Division Honors Choir in Atlantic City, April 5-8.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Giant Eagle Gift Cards-Wanda Reynolds**

Wanda reported that everything is going great and people can keep buying gift cards and their incentives will go towards next year.

#### **Wardrobe-Debbie Schubert**

Wardrobe continues to work on purchasing scarves for the Women's and Clarion choirs. Miss Milovac has been shown a few styles and colors of scarves. A decision has not yet been made.

#### **Sarris Candy- Susan Speer**

Sarris Candy sales are still underway

#### **Yankee Candle-Kathy Schenker**

**A new chairperson for next year is needed!**

#### **Spring Musical Backstage Greetings-Cheryl Welch**

No report

#### **Spring Musical Raffle Baskets-Maureen McDonough**

Maureen reported that she hopes to have a meeting this week to get started organizing the baskets. She reported that she has received more gift cards than usual which is great but that she could still use more items. A suggestion was made that perhaps USC SHOP could donate some of their items to a raffle basket.

#### **Choral Trip-Tara Rankin**

Tara reported that final payments are due Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> and that the medical forms are due then as well. The Choral Trip is in desperate need of chaperones. There are no "choral only parents" chaperones. The Choral Trip needs 5 more chaperones.

There is a mandatory Choral Trip meeting for both parents and students on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in the USC HS theater. Tara reported that there may be a possible time change for the start of the meeting to 7:30p.m. from 7p.m.).

## **Pantheon Banquet-Alysia Keating**

Alysia sent the following report:

The date of the Pantheon Banquet (Friday, May 19) was reserved on the USC calendar, but the location of the banquet was not reserved. Unfortunately, the first choice for the banquet, the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, is not available on that Friday. They only have availability on Monday, May 15. Miss Milovac conferred with the Pantheon officers and they would prefer the banquet be held on Friday, May 19. I would note that Saturday, May 20 is Community Day. The budget for the event is \$550.

Looking at alternate venues that can accommodate 100, here are our options:

**Salvatore's** on Curry Road: They have one very large room available (capacity of 100-350; 100 person minimum (minimum may be negotiable if smaller room is unavailable)). A smaller room (capacity of 40-100) is currently on hold until the end of this week. Per person food charge is very reasonable and within our budget.

**Rec Center:** We would have to rent three rooms at a total cost of \$135/hour plus pay for catering. The banquet would have to conclude by 8:00 p.m. because the rec center closes early on Friday at 9:00. We would have until 8:30 to clean up. *Would 6 to 8 be a sufficient amount of time?* Alternatively, we could start earlier at 5 or 5:30, but that may be problematic for those parents who work. There is a \$300 refundable deposit required. I would suggest catering with Franco's to see if we could get a discounted price to stay within budget.

**Bella Serra** on Morganza Road in Canonsburg: I am waiting for a return call from their catering manager, but the date does not seem to be booked on the calendar on their website and their menu prices seem reasonable.

**Country Club:** We are waiting for a response from their events manager.

These venues were suggested, but are not available:

- Al's Café- On a Friday night, the only space they have available is their private banquet room which only accommodates 70.
- Westminster: Not available; their Spring Chorale is that night.
- Christ United Methodist Church: Not available—annual rummage sale weekend
- LeGras Parish Hall at St. Louise: Not available
- Hilton Garden Inn: Not available
- Hampton Inn Bridgeville: Can only accommodate 60.

A follow-up discussion regarding the venues resulted in Salvatore's being recommended as good and it was reported that the band has had a few events there and was pleased. The Alpine Club was an additional possible suggestion.

**Old Business:**

The idea of selling flowers during the musical performances was brought up at the last meeting. Melissa reached out to Tom and Jane to make sure they weren't planning on doing it, since the idea came from Fort Couch. Jane said we could do it, but it would have to be squeezed in at one of the tables we are already permitted for (baskets or backstage greetings). Both of those tables and areas are already very crowded. The general feeling at the meeting is that it is getting too close to the start of the musical for us to have a flower sale this year. We would need a dedicated chairperson and would want to make sure the job is done in a quality way.

**New Business:**

None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23p.m.