

USC Choral Booster Minutes
March 6, 2017

Call to Order

The March meeting was called to order by President Melissa Epler at 7:08 p.m. The minutes from the February 2017 meeting were approved.

Band Parent Association-Sharon Johnson and Tara Rankin

Because the Choral Boosters are going on a combined trip with the BPA to Norfolk in April and Choral Boosters are also a 501(c)(3) group, the BPA was kind enough to come and speak to the Choral Boosters about the process they are currently going through regarding FUNDRAISING AS A 501(c)(3) ORGANIZATION.

The Band Parent Association is currently researching their fundraising and how it relates to their 501 (c)(3) status. There will be a meeting on March 19th with various experts in fields related to 501(c)(3) groups. They will discuss possible options and obstacles regarding 501(c)(3) status. **The purpose of the meeting is for the professionals to talk, however all are welcome to attend as long as they 1) RSVP to Tara Rankin via text [412-523-2555](tel:412-523-2555) 2) submit all questions in writing to Tara by midnight on 3/12. The BPA will be compiling the questions and giving them to the CPA's to prepare. These professionals are donating their time during tax season. We want to be respectful of their time. **

The possible future changes in the 501(c)(3) do not affect the Norfolk trip. No one is paying any more than they should have had to for this trip.

Choral Boosters will keep apprised of what Band Parent Association is doing and we will determine the impact for our future fundraising effort.

Executive Report

President-Melissa Epler

Melissa asked for everyone to think about the position they currently hold and if they would like to keep the position for next year. She will be contacting people soon regarding their positions.

Vice President-Maureen McDonough

See Musical Baskets and Backstage Greetings below....

Incentives-Lisa Henricks

No report

Membership-Brooke Tarcson

No report

Secretary-Michele Sandford

No report

Treasurer-Lisa-Ann Smith

Lisa asks that if you have an outstanding check from January, please cash it.

We are still looking for a treasurer for next year. Lisa-Ann will stay on until taxes are done in the fall which allows for a nice transition period for the new treasurer to work together with Lisa-Ann.

- Checking account started at \$33,549.93
- Checking account Income of \$16,201.70
- Checking account expenses of \$33,462.50
- Checking account ending balance of \$16,289.13
- Savings account balance \$27,776.21
- Savings account interest of \$0.86
- Savings account ending balance \$27,777.07

Please see attachment for full financial report

Motion to approve the report was approved.

Faculty Reports

Faculty Advisor-Don Pickell

No report

Producing Artistic Director-Tom Hunsberger

No report

Choral Director-Lorraine Milovac

Thank you to everyone for every job that was done, no matter how big or small, to make the Musical a success.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Damon, Jonah Glunt and Jack Smith for successfully auditioning for the All-State Choir that runs in conjunction with the PMEA State Conference in Erie, April 19-22.

On Thursday, March 23, the Men's Ensemble will participate in the Westminster College "Men in Song" Festival taking place at Westminster College. We will leave USC at 7:30am and return around 5:00pm. Approximately 130 high school and college boys will rehearse three songs together with Dr. Samuel Barbara, Choral Activities Director at Westminster College, and perform in a concert at the end of the day. The Westminster College Men's Choir will perform on the program and the USCHS Men's Ensemble were also invited to perform three songs in the concert. The registration cost for each student was paid by the district.

Committee Reports

Giant Eagle Gift Cards-Wanda Reynolds

No report

Sarris Candy-Susan Speer

No report

Yankee Candle-Kathy Schenker

No report and *we still need a new chair for this position next year.*

Spring Musical Raffle Baskets & Spring Musical Backstage Greetings-Maureen McDonough & Cheryl Welch

Both Musical Raffle Baskets and Backstage Greetings sales are going well. The first night of the musical is typically the biggest night for sales. The baskets usually make a little more money than the backstage greetings.

Choral Trip-Tara Rankin

There is a mandatory Norfolk Choral Trip meeting on March 28th with the start time of the meeting still to be determined. The trip cost per student came to \$625.00. The cost for the trip was able to be lowered because we aren't taking a 4th bus and we have 13 chaperones instead of 15. Medical forms and checks are due to Tara by Sunday, March 12th.

Pantheon Banquet-Alysia Keating

The banquet will be held Friday, May 19th at St. Clair Country Club. More details to follow.

Senior Recital-Holly Jones & Gary DeCock

No report

Old Business-

Before Choral Boosters purchased a new water cooler base for the musical, we were told that the water cooler base had been rented in the past thus the need to purchase one. Choral Boosters purchased the water cooler base and the participants in the musical are enjoying using it.

New Business-

Adjournment

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

