

Choral Boosters Meeting Notes ~ December 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00.

Attending members: Debbie Parrott, Mr. Devol, Ginny Seccia, Nick Pavona, Jennifer Shively, Trish Ginn, Chris Ginn, Berenice Stewart, Matthew Stewart, Kim Wohltmann, Rob Wohltmann, Jillian Wohltmann, Beth Howe, Jydi Ramnani, Tabby Carpenter, Lauren MacBlane, Georgia Barbee, Marci Goode

General Business

November minutes were approved and seconded.

Reports from Executive Board

Alterations- Puritan has agreed to give us a 10% discount for alterations

Dance- Feb 22, 7-10 Kevin Seccia, Jacob Kalman, Marci Goode- The dance will be called Uptown Hoedown and will cost \$5 per ticket. They still want a photo booth, security has been arranged, there will be donated concessions, Freddy Goode will be DJ. There will be an opportunity to donate candy. The intent is that students dress in appropriate attire (western). There will be a corn hole tournament in the gym with a prize pool. Joaquin has made a Twitter account to follow. Requests for music will be taken at lunch or on google sheet. Need to get date on school calendar. Prizes will be given for best dressed, cotton eyed Joe contest and dance contest. Security has been confirmed at a lower cost than budgeted. The photo booth for 4 hours is \$500, so maybe we will just do 2 hours. May have all inclusive tickets to include cost to include popcorn, photo booth, etc. The next meeting is the first Sunday of each month. Kids will be making decorations and backgrounds for photo opportunities. \$1500-2000 budget with concessions donated from parents. We will need parents to volunteer to help that night.

Membership- Ginny Seccia- We have just shy of 40 memberships. Looking at memberships, we are short in memberships of the senior class families.

Website- Matt Stewart- There is now a menu drop down called "About Us" which includes a fundraising page for all the projects we are doing this year. The calendar of December events has been updated. Marci mentioned that 12/19 has been added as a spirit night for Glory Days as has Chipotle for 1/21 and Dunkin Donuts and Driveshack in the new year.

Treasurer- Bernie Stewart- For the fundraising for Va Diner, there were \$193 of donations, 88 check orders totaling \$5082 and \$955 in cash donations, totaling \$6230. Yankee Candle had a net profit of \$2213.17, and is still going until January online. Beginning balance is \$13,870.98. We had \$7152.57 in income and \$2975.03 in expenses. Ending balance is \$18,948.52. She received more membership checks and 2 spirit night checks tonight. Shout out flowers budget is \$400. There was a discussion as to whether \$10 is too much for just a mention in program. It was recommended to lower amount to \$5 bc no poinsettia. If we can access square account, we can add this into the google form to pay for this to incentivize people to pay right away. Forms are due by Friday. Mr. Devol will also include a reminder to sign up for Kroger.

Ways and Means- Chris and Trish Ginn- Chris thinks we missed a huge opportunity as 16 out of 155 people actually logged in and sent a log in to Facebook and Twitter. 9 of those 16 had online sales. Will try for more next time. He received a \$45 check from Yankee Candle. He will get gift cards for \$25 for top seller in each class and \$50 for top overall seller. Will do announcements of winners at rehearsals as the concert is too long as is. Cookie pick up will be tomorrow, 12/3 from 4-5.

Reports from Committee Chairs

Hospitality- Kim Wohltmann- There is no need for sign up genius for help for the winter concert. Kim has all the white sheets and needs 8 red tablecloths and Georgia needs some also. An email with verbiage to go to Mr. Devol. All parents are to bring 2 dozen cookies. We have garland with lights and 3 wreaths for stage and Kim needs a date to put up these items. Maybe during rehearsal. Mr. Devol will get back to her about the date- possibly 11th. She would prefer to bring in the poinsettias on the day of the concert and not before to ensure they look good.

Programs- Lauren MacBlane- Jay Dela Cruz is taking over as of now. It is easier from a program perspective not to have the vocal divisions in the program. She just need number to order. Mr. Devol needs a letter for the program. She will send names to the student directors to confirm spellings.

Winter Raffle- Georgia Barbee- Raffle tickets when home (2 books of 5) in envelope the week before Thanksgiving. If not sold, the tickets must come back to her by Dec 11th. She has a typed up list of who sold what so that they can be accountable. Regarding class baskets- Marci and Bobby Goode will run the table. Directors need to give themes and need to be collecting monies, \$5/student to donate toward basket or bring in item towards the theme. Directors will shop or have parent volunteers to do shopping. We need baskets to be donated or use money for part of gift. Baskets need to be wrapped in cellophane and use tissue paper or xmas balls to cover empty spots. There are 5 classes. We need volunteers to work tables- sell grand raffle, silent auction table, people to take credit cards on square. 2 of the raffle tickets to Virginia Ballet Nutcracker were actually not able to be obtained. She may be able to get Va Rep for Chicago instead, or maybe we can get some Richmond Ballet tickets from another option.

West Broad Village tree lighting- students need to be there by 5:15, everything will be set up, decorations will be out, and we will be selling raffle tickets at table. We have 2 banners and may be able to use those. We may need to order new ones soon. We also need to have a decorated donation box there. Please get all donations to Georgia asap.

Director's Report- Mr. Devol- Attire is still being passed out and show choir costumes order forms are going out tomorrow. Their cost is \$120. The skirts will be ready in Jan, so black/white attire should be worn for the Winter concert. For the boys, the shirt, pants and suspenders will be about 80. As for the Spring trip, Mr. Devol suggests getting a group to go see Wicked (\$38 ticket)- group sales need to be done soon. The performance is the 1st week of June. like the idea of going to DC again, end of May. Paperwork needs to start soon. will be different from last year. Kids frowned at Busch Gardens bc they did in middle school. The drawback for recording studio is that it is a multi day experience to cover all classes. DC seemed easy to set up- but all fundraising started in August with plans set then. Wicked, dinner at Bottoms Up pizza buffet is most reasonable option. It will compete with graduation parties as is the first weekend of June. We can use the county school bus for transportation. It was \$75-100 budget. There are currently zero funds in the budget for scholarships. The committee should discuss future fundraising. We can use portion of fundraising to offset cost of trip. Paperwork needs to be filed before collect money from kids. Spirit wear has been delayed. Info will go out soon. Orders will need to be in before winter break and the supplies will come out after January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39.