

January 4,2016
Godwin Choral Booster Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lisa Bingen, Mary Ann Cooley, Judi Ohde, Cathy Whitty, Alice Key, Rob & Lorie Brocklehurst, Debbie Moncure, Laurie Welch, Patrice Carroll, Marci Goode, Johnell Ashe, Mr. Clatterbuck

Lisa Bingen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The meeting minutes from November 30, 2015 were presented for review. Lisa mentioned a name correction; it was Laurie who explained how Visa payment will be accepted for raffle tickets, not Lisa. A motion to accept the minutes with this correction was made, and they were approved by voice vote.

Preview of February Meeting

Lisa reported that the Nominating Committee needs to be established during the February meeting. We had difficulty filling all the positions last year and this year it appears that we will have even more vacant seats for both committee chairs and executive board.

Lisa suggested we may need to consider changes to the by-laws. For example, we now have a two term limit for committee chairmen and this by-law in particular should be amended as there are circumstances when it is appropriate for the same committee chair to be in his/her position for more than 2 terms. Lisa asked that booster members think about this and bring any ideas/possible changes to her attention via email or phone call.

Reports from Executive Board

1st VP of Membership – no report

2nd VP of Ways & Means: Johnell reported that singing valentines are in February. Cathy Whitty has information for the next spirit night to send in an eblast.

3rd VP of Communications: Cathy has updated the website with pictures. Marci has 2500 pictures that can be made available for the website. Cathy also updated the website with past meeting minutes.

Treasurer: A copy of the budget and income/expense comparison by category was made available for review. Judi reported a balance of \$17,855.97 as of 12/31/15. Judi explained that she broke down VA Diner and winter raffle instead of grouping the two fundraisers together. Judi also mentioned that payment needs to be made for the coupon cards.

Reports from General Board Committee Chairs

Singing Valentines: Johnell and Cathy will organize this fundraiser. The quartets will sing on Thursday, Feb. 11th, during lunch blocks. Singing valentines will be sold during the week leading up to Thursday.

Banquet: Patrice reported that the banquet date is June 7th. She plans on sending out a save the date and request for volunteers via eblast. Patrice encouraged boosters to

start soliciting for door prizes. She recommends gift cards. Patrice already has the blankets for senior gifts, they were ordered last year. Patrice would like to find a sophomore or junior parent now to be involved in planning of the banquet so the transition for next year will be smooth and the banquet committee chair will already know what is involved in the planning of the banquet.

Hospitality: Winter Concert goodies were fabulous. Thank you, Lorie for organizing.

Historian: Marci has several good pictures of several of the seniors if anyone would like to look at them and maybe use as gifts.

Reports from General Fundraising Committee Chairs

Winter Raffle: The boosters raised \$3,339.04 from the winter raffle in December. Laurie did an excellent job organizing this year. The baskets were much improved, and it was mentioned that there were far too many drawings for the "big prizes" and maybe that can be handled differently. A question was raised about potential cost for the spring trip in 2017. Mr. Clatterbuck thinks the out of pocket student cost will be approximately \$900. Discussion was held about how the baskets for the raffle can be better explained to families so they understand exactly how the raffle works. There appears to be some confusion about the baskets. It was recommended that we let families know what is in the baskets prior to the concert.

In a side note it was mentioned that we ran out of programs at the Winter Concert.

Program ads: Patrice reported that Ellen should be turning in \$400 in program ads. Patrice requested more program ads if any boosters have connections with businesses who may be agreeable to purchasing an ad.

Premier Athletics: Marci reported that 10 less coupon cards were sold compared to last year.

Reports from Spring Trip Fundraising Committee Chairs

VA Diner: Debbie is waiting form the check from the internet sales. She anticipates \$2000.

Kroger Rewards: Income down from last year, about \$300 so far. It will likely not be as lucrative as last year.

Choral Director's Report (Mr. Clatterbuck)

He was pleased with the winter concert and the school assembly,

Madrigals will perform at Pocahontas and Byrd Middle Schools early in the day next Thursday.

He listed choreography dates/times for show choir.

Acapella will sing at the basketball game on Jan. 29th.

Feb. 1-4th he will hold auditions for next year's choirs and will send letter out by end of the day on Feb. 5th.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

