

Vocal Music Booster Meeting

November 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Kurriger at 6:31pm, 7 parents and Mr. Ryan attended.

The Secretary Report was read and approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report was given by Darcy Petersen. There is \$12,524.53 in unrestrictive funds. A copy of the report is attached. Darcy noted that student fees and fall fundraiser money has not been moved so actual amount is not reflected in student incentive accounts at this time. The biggest expense has been the choreographer. Income is coming in from show choirs attending the River City Showcase. Quite a bit has come in from the card fundraiser, boosters received \$3.30 per card sold.

Old Business:

Halloween Social - 39 kids attended. If it is to be an annual event, do not plan is on the same day as All State. Kids who came seemed to have had a great time. There was a Wii dance competition, Karaoke, costume contest & guess how many in the jar contest. Snacks were brought by students

attending the event.

Fundraiser Cards - Have sold pretty much all of the cards at this time. A couple of kids have turned in more. We discussed discounting cards to get the rest sold. Also discussed setting up a table and selling them at Pizza Ranch or Wal-mart. Three cards were sold at the first concert. \$250 more has been deposited. 700+ cards sold to date.

Choreography Camp - Arranger failed to have all the music ready in time for Kevin (choreographer) so he will be returning at a later date to work on the ballad. Blocking ballad is what is left to do. Dena, who usually comes to work on vocals will not be able to come this year. Combo is set, picked up another sax player today.

Nashville Trip - 7/8 parents attending meeting. Deposit is due tomorrow. 22 kids have paid, one will pay on Monday. May open up trip opportunity to parents if we don't have 45 kids interested.

Director's Report:

The first Jazz group was suppose to start Wednesday but there seemed to be a mix up as only a few showed up. The next group starts tomorrow.

The first show choir competition has been approved for travel to Rock Bridge High School in Columbus, MO. \$250 deposit has been paid. RCR students were given the option to use the money raised last year to either travel by charter bus or stay overnight. They chose to stay overnight. Encore is not traveling to this competition but some members have expressed interest in going. If they do go, they would have to pay for their own hotel room. The director sent Mr. Ryan a list of 4 to 5 hotels to choose from.

All State/Opus - 3 students were chosen to participate, plus 2 alternates. Mr. Ryan is heading to Ames on the 20th for the Opus Honor Choir. They rehearse on Thursday, 11/21/13. The All State participants will be leaving Thursday night, they will be traveling with Mr. Heid and Mr. Thoma.

Show choir - The first outfit for the girls has been ordered. The first girl outfit totaled \$70. The shirt bought for the boys cost \$14 each. Still looking for shoes for the guys.

New Business:

Monday, October 14th at 6pm, there was a River City Showcase meeting. Bonnie Nichols has agreed to be Chairperson of the event. Committee members met. Have a few parents lined up for First Aid. Still working on finding committee heads for parking and scoring.

Entrance fees - Discussed offering a discount to Middle School Show choirs to increase participation. Due to the change in the Iowa school calendar this year, we lost several out of state groups. It was noted that West Branch started a 1A, 2A competition for the same date as our Invite. This may also play a role in decreased participation of groups at our Invite. Mr. Ryan is going to send out email reminders. Bettendorf is a school who showed interest but he is not sure if they are coming.

Nashville Trip - Incentive requests from students have been turned in to Darcy. Will hold off writing check to activity account until he has final numbers.

Jazz Festival - to host or not to host. Mr. Ryan has been approached about hosting the Jazz Festival at MHS. It was decided to decline but may be open to hosting in the future.

Darcy brought it to the boards attention that taxes need to be filed by November 15, 2013. The fiscal year is from July 1st - June 30th. Balance sheet was taken to Tax Service to be looked at. Darcy also mentioned being handed down bags of information/bank statements from previous Treasurer. They start at the year 2002. It was discussed that that last 7 yrs of paperwork should be kept, Tax forms should be kept indefinitely. Darcy will ask what proper procedure is and report back to board.

Holiday concert is 12/16/13. RCR parent preview is 12/19/13.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:27pm by Rebecca Schultz, second by Mike Kurriger.

Next Vocal Music Booster meeting will be December 5, 2013 at 6:30pm in the MHS Choir Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Schultz