

Stratford Choir Parent Meeting

February 8, 2021

Meeting began at 7pm with a call to order by Choir Booster Club President, Kristin Hopper.

Approval of minutes from prior meeting

Secretary, Roxanne Camden asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 15, 2020 general meeting. Trina Morford made the motion with a second by Katie Fields. Minutes approved and posted on Choir website.

Directors' Report

Letter Jackets - Marcie Baker began by discussing letter jackets, which choir students can earn by earning 12 points. Ms. Baker states that students who are currently Juniors and have been in choir since Freshman year are eligible for a letter jacket. She continues by sharing other ways choir students can earn points towards their letter jacket. Points can be earned by participating in various choir extracurricular activities. Ms. Baker goes on to mention that students can sign up for letter jacket in class and letter jacket info packets will be going home with students this week.

Choir Yearbook Pictures – Ms. Baker states that choir pictures will be taken after school this Thursday, February 11, 2021. Choir students are required to wear jeans and their SHS Choir tee shirts. The third period Spartan Choral students will wear jeans and their Spartan Choral shirt. Photos will be taken outside in the fine arts courtyard. Ms. Baker explains that all students (in person and virtual learners) are welcome and encouraged to come for photo if they feel comfortable attending.

UIL – Date is April 6, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, UIL will be virtual this year. Marcie Baker shares that she has secured the MDUMC sanctuary as location for choirs to record UIL pieces. Baker shares that Mr. Barnes has given approval to bus students from school to MDUMC. Virtual learners will need to have their own transportation for UIL and meet at MDUMC. Once Ms. Baker has a confirmed time for students to meet at church, she will let parents and students know. Ms. Baker is looking at the possibility of having a live stream of choir performance since there will be in person concert this year. She will share more information as she has it.

Marcie states UL uniforms will be handed out to students in class. Boys will receive tuxes (jacket, pants, vest and tie) and will provide their own white button-down collar shirt, black socks and black shoes. Girls will receive dresses and will provide their own black closed-toe flat or low-heeled shoes.

Pop Show –This year's show will be held at Spring Woods High School. Possible dates for show are May 10th, 11th or 12th. Ms. Baker is working on pinning down the exact date which she hopes will be May 11, 2021. More information will go out as soon as possible. Marcie shares that musicians have been booked to accompany seniors who are performing solos. All other choir performances will be using a cd for accompaniment.

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Financial Report

Treasurer, Kaci Guy, reports balance at beginning of school year of \$8,838.00 with a current balance of \$18,259.90. Ms. Guy states funds from dues and Wassail concert make up the bulk of monies received. She goes on to say we have received over \$500.00 from our Spirit Dinners at Cane's and Grub Burger.

Ms. Guy shares that sales of Choir sweatshirt and license plate frames have been good.

There is \$3,600.00 in known upcoming expenses with UIL, Pop Show and scholarships.

She concludes financial report by sharing that annual tax filing has been done and accepted, as well as state sales taxes have been paid.

VP Fundraising

Katie Fields shares that our next Spirit dinner is this Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Mia's Table (Gessner location). This event is all day, so families can enjoy lunch or dinner. Ms. Fields reminds us to mention SHS Choir when ordering/dining. Choir will receive 15% back from Spirit dinner.

Ms. Fields states that there are still Choir sweatshirts and license plate frames available for purchase.

VP Programs

Trina Morford begins by discussing end of year Choir banquet, which is scheduled for May 18, 2021. She is currently working on details and more information will follow.

New Business

Big Day Auction Basket - Michelle Majewski shares that due to COVID-19 restrictions, The Big Day event will be an online auction which will raise funds for CIS (Community in Schools). Choir will be donating a music themed basket. Link to auction will be published later.

Ms. Majewski explains that an Amazon wish list has been created. This wish list has a variety of choir and music related items that parents can purchase to donate to our Choir basket. She shares that parents and students can also donate vinyl albums for basket if they would like to do so (Ms. Baker will collect albums in class). Monetary donations are also welcome.

Choir Scholarships – Kristin Hopper shares that Booster Club will be awarding scholarships to senior choir students, vocal lesson scholarships and will be adding a scholarship for students wanting to attend one of the All State choir camps. Ms. Hopper states that scholarship applications will be going out April 12, 2021, and are due on May 7, 2021.

Ms. Hopper asks meeting attendees if there are any questions and as there are none, she concludes the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by President Kristin Hopper