Stratford High School Choir Booster Club — General Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2026

Meeting called to order: 7:46 pm
Adjourned: 8:07 pm
Presiding Officer: Karen Smith
Secretary: Caroline Barker

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1. Minutes Approval

Minutes from the May 12, 2026 General Meeting were presented.

• Motion: Liz Goodman
• Second: Nicole Stone
• Result: Approved by acclamation
• Action/Follow-up: Minutes posted on stratfordchoir.com

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2. Welcome and Officer Introductions

Karen Smith welcomed attendees and introduced the following officers and chairs:

• President: Karen Smith
• Secretary: Caroline Barker
• Treasurer: Gulia Preng
• VP—Events & Activities: Jennifer Veres-Schrecengost
• VP—Fundraising & Merchandise: (Kellie Treadway not present)
• Wassail Co-Chairs: Liz Goodman and Sean Ferratt
• Communications: Courtney Thrasher

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3. Treasurer’s Report

Gulia Preng reported the following:

• actual cash balance: $24,052.69, adjusted cash balance $12,612.34

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4. Reports of Officers / Board Updates

4.1 President Report — Karen Smith

Booster Club Membership

• Encourage all members/parents to join and support booster initiatives.
• Membership includes various levels and benefits.
• QR code shown on screen for membership sign-up.

Scholarships

• Booster club provides scholarships for:
• voice scholarships
• All-State camp
• college scholarships
• Encouraged support; open to all grades.
• Last year's recipients: Mae Lynn, Ann, and Jenna
• Testimonials highlighted benefits students gain from scholarships, including:
• talent development
• camp tuition
• vocal lessons
• greater knowledge of vocal music through exposure to different clinicians and music

4.2 VP Fundraising & Merchandise Report — Karen Smith (for Kellie Treadway)

• Porch pick-up is available for merchandise.
• Tax-free nights: August 10 and August 25, 2026
• Tonight: Cane's spirit night
• Courtney Thrasher created a flyer listing spirit nights; information is also posted on the website and social media.

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5. Special Events / Committee Reports

5.1 Wassail Committee Report — Liz Goodman and Sean Ferratt

• Liz Goodman discussed the value of parent involvement in choir.
• Sean Ferratt discussed the value of choir for students, including friendships formed.
• Wassail is the choir booster's big winter festival.
• 3rd Annual Wassail:
• Date: 12/5/2026
• Time: 11:00 am–2:00 pm

• Location: Stratford cafeteria
• Wassail is a family event featuring:
• holiday music performances by choirs
• solos and ensembles
• fun activities and booths
• special guests and photo ops
• raffle prize table (please donate gifts)
• 12:00 pm: official wassail toast
• Attendees encouraged to invite neighbors and friends, especially families with small children.

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6. Special Thanks

Special thanks were given to:

• Canes
• Half Baked Goodness
• Tea basket

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7. Raffle Drawings and Door Prizes

• Raffle drawings were held.
• Door prizes presented to 8 people.

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8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by
Caroline Barker, Secretary
SHS Choir Booster Board