

Mercer Island Schools Choir Boosters

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022

4:30 – 6:00pm

Chair: Tom Henderson

Attendees: Shari Matheson, Annalise Rockow, Colleen Petersen & Angela Hoefler

Location: Zoom Conference Meeting

Agenda:

Approve January 20th Meeting Minutes:

Minutes were approved. Discussed possibility of posting them for public view on our future website.

Status of incorporation and EIN:

Tom turned in all the documents needed to Parent Boosters USA to file for incorporation and non-profit status. Once PBUSA completes the paperwork and secures our 501©3 status Tom will file for a non-profit business license with the Secretary of State of Washington. A bank account will be setup once these matters are resolved and we have an EIN. He'll email us with updates.

Letter to Tyrell Bergstrom regarding Performing Arts and the capital levy:

The Band Booster President, Jennifer Shelby contacted orchestra, drama, fine arts and choir boosters about organizing a last minute united performing arts front to request levy money for a grand piano and PAC upgrades. This was an attempt to address the inequitable past and proposed funding (totaling 12 years) of performing arts programs versus athletics. The letter was sent to Tyrell Bergstrom, CFO of the project and signed by 100% of all five booster boards. Annalise will consider what else might be needed to support the choir program/update the PAC, beyond renovating room 503. Annalise is on the panel to hire an AV person to replace the previous AV person who compiled a list of PAC needs before resigning after a couple months. Tom will follow up with Jennifer and the other booster presidents. The levy passed. Tyrell Bergstrom has not yet responded to the letter.

Support for All-District Choir Festival - 3/16 and later spring events:

The All-District Choir Festival rehearsal and concert will be in the gym - social distancing will be encouraged. Since there is so little time between the 4 pm rehearsal ending at 5:30pm and the 6:30pm concert call-time Annalise would like to organize a quick meal for the middle and high schoolers at 5:30pm. Pizza was served in the past and it worked out well. Shari volunteered to organize the money collection and pizza pick up/delivery. Annalise will contact the parents to assess interest and commitment to pay for the meal. She'll also add an opt in for parents to receive booster emails to the google doc.

On April 5th in the afternoon IMS will go to Snoqualmie for a middle school choir exchange. Aaron Miller at IMS has agreed to pay for the bus. Discussed possibility of serving the choristers donuts or some other fun treat/activity upon their return.

Annalise proposed bringing in an adjudicator to give the middle-schoolers feedback since they won't be going to any festivals where they'd usually get adjudicated. The cost would be around \$200 -Annalise can recommend someone.

MIHS will attend a festival at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle organized by Oakwood University. The festival will be Friday and Saturday (4/22 & 4/23). The choir already received a grant from MISDF and Annalise is trying to get one from ASB too. Boosters discussed potential fundraising once official. Angela shared her ideas. Discussed how to acknowledge donors - newsletter, program or website?

5th Grade Follow up – IMS will host *Gator for a Night* on March 30th for fifth graders. Annalise plans to show a choir promo video and distribute flyers and treats.

Advocacy & Outreach Updates and Newsletter Feedback:

There was a newsletter snafu and only the middle schooler parents received it. Annalise will resend to just the high schoolers. She received positive responses to our first newsletter from some of the middle school parents. Kuddos to Shari for creating such an informative and well-designed newsletter!

In addition to Annalise's comments at the All District Choir Festival about MISCB we'd like to promote the boosters with a QR code that links a google doc to MISCB. If we're official by the ADCF and able to accept donations we'll ask for support. Ideally, MISCB will have a presence at Showcase, details to be determined at the next meeting which was rescheduled to allow us time to plan. Tom volunteered to set up a website that would allow us to accept online donations (once we have an EIN) via PayPal and a link to (future) bank account. Tom will follow up with PBUSA to see how long the process takes.

Shari set up the choir booster's Gmail account and will continue to check it for activity.

Any other business:

Annalise will acknowledge choir boosters 501(c)3 status and ask for support at concert on 3/16/22

Tom will share a draft of the proposed web page.

Shari will coordinate group meal on 3/16/22.

The next meeting will be ~~March 10th at 4:30pm~~ now rescheduled to March 7th at ~~7:30pm~~ 8:00pm(Zoom)

Minutes Submitted by: Colleen Petersen