

## Mercer Island Schools Choir Boosters

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022 at 4:00 pm

**Chair:** Tom Henderson

**Attendees:** Shari Matheson, Angela Hoefler, Annalise Rockow, Colleen Petersen (late)

**Location:** MIHS, Choir Room

### **Agenda:**

#### **Approve April 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes were approved with a correction.

### **Updates:**

Tom summarized the status of the joint activity between booster clubs to request funding for PAC upgrades. Annalise reported that someone has begun to purchase some items (possibly the lighting items) from the list. A new A/V technician is scheduled to start soon.

Tom reported on remarks made by himself, Colleen and other booster club volunteers at the school board meeting, and subsequent discussions

ParentBoosterUSA reported yesterday that the state still has not incorporated us.

Tom debriefed us on all district and fine arts events-- no reported issues, everything seems to have gone well. Erin Battersby suggested that possibly Annalise could consult with drama on voice work for musicals.

Annalise mentioned that one of the parents of a choir student offered to offer some coaching free of charge, and Annalise would look into it further. Her priorities would be to provide some coaching for tenors and basses at MIHS, and for baritones at IMS. There may still be opportunities for coaching as part of the cover projects that will occur after the 5/24 concert.

### **Recruitment/Publicity:**

May 20 is the IMS tour for elementary school. May 23/24 is the music tryout for 4th graders. 36 have expressed interest in 5th grade honor choir

Shari raised an idea about having choir sing at MI sporting events. Annalise suggested that perhaps next year, we would arrange for one singing event per sports, and let the students sign up for one such event. I volunteered to follow up with fall sports booster programs.

Discussed the possibility of singing at the MI Farmer's Market, possibly in late September/October? Angela will follow up.

Annalise suggested creating a social media/historian position so that photos could be taken at all the events. Angela and Shari agreed to take photos. Parents should be encouraged to share their concert photos by uploading them on Google Drive.

Shari plans to put out another newsletter in June.

**Upcoming Choir Events:**

**Emerald City Sings Choral Festival** – Bel Canto will attend a two-day festival with other NW choirs on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Seattle. The festival will conclude with a concert at St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 1245 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm. Dr. Jason Max Ferdinand is the Festival Guest Conductor.

**Spring Concert & Senior Recognition/Awards & Dessert Table** - May 24<sup>th</sup> MIHS PAC

Annalise will confirm parents can bring in food for the high school only ceremony following the concert. Shari will set up a SignUp Genius if allowed. Annalise will handle the awards. Discussed how to recognize seniors.

**Any other business:**

Discussed MISCB structure, two-year term limits, desire for more members and need for a new secretary.

Annalise will make a list of private voice teachers in the area.

The next meeting date is May 3, 2022 at 4:30-5:30pm in MIHS Choir room.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Colleen Petersen based on Tom's summary