

## Mercer Island Schools Choir Boosters

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

**Chair:** Tom Henderson

**Attendees:** Shari Matheson, Angela Hoefler, Annalise Rockow, Brooke Conway

**Location:** MIHS Room 501

### Meeting summary:

The choirs are having a busy March, so we discussed the upcoming activities and what the boosters could do to support Ms. Rockow and the choirs.

First, the all-district choir concert is March 15. Annalise needs volunteers to help with dinner/chaperoning. We need a few parent volunteers to pick up and serve pizza to the choirs during break. The boosters agreed to fund the pizza/salad dinner. Shari will take lead on the pizza party.

Also, we decided that we WILL do a bake sale to try and raise more funds for the boosters to support the choirs. For the bake sale – we can do both store bought and homemade baked goods, just ask that people use food safe practices. Brooke will also buy water to sell. We discussed donations vs charging and decided to sell items for \$1 each. We'll need volunteers to help sell items. We'll reserve seating as an incentive for all in person volunteers (pizza and bake sale).

Brooke will create a sign up genie with the volunteer and baked good slots and send to Annalise to share with families.

Annalise needs a couple of parents to help as MI hosts the Eastshore music festival on March 9 from 8-2:30. She will ask for volunteers separately (vs the March 15 ask). 12 choirs are coming that day. She'll need help picking up lunch for adjudicators and clinicians (paid for by the Eastshore music region). They'll be using the following spaces: 501, 503, 504, performing arts center.

We discussed the need for more parent involvement including in person and fundraising. (Our fall fundraiser fell short so we've focused on fun/community building items). Tom will speak at all-district to encourage involvement and we'll include a QR code to donate in the handouts.

For the UW event on April 3, Annalise will need a couple of parent chaperones. Shari confirmed that she sent the check to pay for MI's involvement. The current plan for fun/community addition to the day is to order cookies from Hello Robin! And give the kids some time at U Village. We'll discuss this more at the next meeting. The students are also looking to arrange time to go bowling/have dinner together but this isn't school sponsored). Side note – the Singing Valentine ASB fundraiser went well, with about 100 sold. Funds will help pay for the buses to the UW activity.

Next we discussed the budget and other housekeeping. There is now a reimbursement form on the google share for booster related spends. As mentioned, we have a tight budget with funds going to basic booster club upkeep and focusing everything we can on fun/community. We are moving away from

ParentBoosters, so those funds will be reallocated. Tom is looking into liability insurance and will check in with other booster groups for best practices.

Tom is working through logistics of filing our own 501 3c. We are waiting for some paperwork from ParentBoosters to the IRS to be able to complete this process, hopefully in the coming 6 weeks (to re-file).

We discussed a few more things: It sounds like there is discussion about creating an umbrella booster org for MI. We will plan to talk about additional fundraising and parent involvement ideas at the upcoming meetings (Angela will look into local restaurant dinner/\$ possibilities). Gator for a night is coming up on March 22 - Angela will be there to help support the choir/boosters.

The next choir boosters meeting will March 21, 5:30 in the choir room. We adjourned at 3:45pm.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Brooke Conway