

Mercer Island Schools Choir Boosters

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2024

Chair: Tom Henderson

Attendees: Annalise Rockow, Brooke Conway, Shari Matheson, Angela Hoefer (zoom)

Location: MIHS Room 503

Tom gave an update on the fine arts discussion from last month. Booster leadership wants to meet with fine arts leadership so boosters can support leadership and be in alignment on asks. Annalise will check in with David about this.

Next, we discussed the PE waiver Zoom call the district is holding later in the evening (27th). While we hope/don't expect a major impact to choir enrollment, we did discuss some future materials we could create to help students understand a 4-year choir path in high school. We'll revisit this discussion and potential materials next month.

Then we jumped into all the upcoming choir activities.

3/1 - MIHS field trip to PLU Invitational

Annalise has confirmed she has enough volunteers. We discussed logistics for lunch and the team building activity after the event - they'll plan to pay for food with a credit card and Shari will bring a check for skating.

3/7 - Eastshore Choir event at MIHS

Annalise is set for event and food (being delivered). Annalise will order coffee and Brooke will bring it over in the morning about 7:15/7:30 for the morning volunteer shift. Angela volunteered for the afternoon shift from 12-3.

3/13 - All District

Prep for all-district is in progress and there were a lot of logistics to discuss. Students will arrive at 3:30, have dinner at 5:30 (IMS and MIHS students, with pizza arriving at 5:15), and the concert will start at 6:30.

- Event seating: Annalise is reconfiguring this year to allow for more seating. She will also save seats for in-person volunteers.
- Booster presence: Tom (and potentially Angela) will have the opportunity to address the crowd. We discussed wanting to highlight the need to have additional people on the booster board and will highlight the time of the next meeting. We discussed adding job-elect or co-jobs - we can discuss at another meeting. Tom will also thank MISD collaborators and donors.

- Bake sale: Brooke is on point for the bake sale and will finalize a sign-up genie for volunteers and donations. Annalise informed us that we can no longer sell homemade items due to district rules. We discussed other items that could be donated. Brooke will have everything to set up – signs, water to sell, flowers to sell, venmo link, ziplocks, gloves, change box, etc, and will handle set up/break down. Angela will bring booster signs.
- Dinner: Tom will follow up with Pagliacci about their pizza donation and order. Shari and Angela are on point for dinner – plan for pizza, cups for water, salad and carrot sticks, dessert like rice Krispies.
- Angela H has been working with custom ink on choir sweatshirts. Annalise will follow up with her to lock down and work to get the ordering link live before the 13th. If possible, she will try and get a sample (Brooke can pay for this and keep for Shelby if needed.)
- 5th grade goodie bags: Annalise will work with Sandra on these and will request reimbursement.
- Photographer: Annalise proposed having a photographer at the event so we can have good quality images for marketing and other needs. It would cost \$400, and the boosters all agreed to fund. Shari will have a check for the photographer on the 13th.
- Programs: Annalise will print programs for the event.

3/27 – Gator for a night

We discussed needing new table signs for this – and that could be used in the future...ideally 24x36 landscape orientation. Annalise will work with Angela on this and boosters will fund for ongoing use. The group also discussed tchotchke to hand out to the kids – candy, pencils, stickers, etc. Annalise will work with Shari on stickers.

Saraha Pizza dine out fundraiser

Angela will check in with Saraha Pizza to set up our second dine-out night. She will ask for April 4 as our priority evening, with March 28 as back up.

Booster Newsletter

We decided that the next booster newsletter will go out after all-district. We can highlight all-district, the honor choirs, the PLU field trip and promote dine-out. Also, we'll use the newsletter to promote IMS registration and note expectation of two choir sections at IMS next school year.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30pm in MIHS room 503.

Minutes Submitted by: Brooke Conway