

Mercer Island Schools Choir Boosters

Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2024

Chair: Tom Henderson

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

Location: MIHS Room 503

We began the meeting by syncing on what is currently happening with facilities planning. Annalise is fine arts lead with the architect and there are six meetings planned (they've had two of them so far). Guiding principles are set and needs have been outlined – over the summer the firm will put together what it looks like to address those needs with mockups and pricing. Next school year they'll work as a group to prioritize over two meetings and we're expecting the recommendations to go to the board in November and election in the spring. We discussed that the choir boosters will take no action at this time, and will wait to hear if we can help as things move along. Other booster programs seem quiet at this time.

IMS update: There will be two choir sections next year! (The school is also adding one of orchestra.) Choir will have its own room – Annalise is pleased about having a consistent/non shared space (even if not a totally ideal room). **Shari will make a reco on how much money** boosters can provide to help make the new space feel like a choir room. All agreed to fund.

Elementary update: 4th grade ensemble selection is coming up the week of May 20th. **Shari to coordinate with Annalise** on a take-way for the kids – likely stickers.

We discussed upcoming events/activities – more on some of these, below

- Wellspring concert May 18th
- Final newsletter of the year
- Spring concert June 3
- Final booster meeting June 10

Final newsletter: We discussed sending the final newsletter at the end of May. It should include info on Wellspring, Senior Spotlights, promote the June concert, promote the June 10 meeting with agenda items, highlight the info about two sections of IMS choir next school year. **Shari is on point.**

Spring concert: The concert will run in a similar way to last year and after the concert there will be a gathering for awards and Senior recognition. There are six seniors this year and the boosters agreed to contribute \$50 per senior for awards totaling \$300. Angela and Shari are on point for the party pieces of the gathering including cake (one chocolate, one vanilla), cookies, water, juice boxes and flowers (5-6 arrangements depending on senior attendance). **Angela is on point for flowers and Shari is on point for Costco.**

Final booster meeting: Our final booster meeting of the year is scheduled for June 10 at 7pm and we agreed to make an effort to get more parent attendance and use the meeting to get more people involved. We discussed covering the following topics. **Brooke will create and evite/sign-up genie for RSVPs and a powerpoint** to help with flow and brainstorming. When set, we agreed to send out personalized emails to parents to help drive attendance (**Annalise to provide list**).

- Year-end financials
- Priority setting for the year/guiding principles
- Re-envisioning roles to help get more people involved
- Growing the choir program
- Shoot the moon – dream things we'd like to see the program do longer term (Annalise's ideas are: More stuff outside of usual performances, exchanging with other schools, out in the community more, more variety in the extracurricular and scope of opportunities esp every other year trip.)

Finally, we had a quick discussion on budget and potentially funding some of next school year's activities. Next year MIHS plans to have a two night offsite Oct 18-20. Once MISD has approved, the boosters agreed to pay to hold the space/date at Warm Beach (same venue as last year).

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, June 10 at 7pm in MIHS room 503.

Minutes Submitted by: Brooke Conway