

## General Booster Meeting—1-9-19

Call to order, 7:30pm. **Admin and Members present:** Ms. Lanute, Laura Williams, Kristin Larrea, Lisa Hartmann, Tracy Campbell, Mark Rose, Mindy Hill, Harold Schroder, Stephanie Jerabek, Belinda Rodriquez

Welcome Back! A bit sad about it being January and that the Bears lost.

**Housekeeping:** The motion to accept November's general meeting minutes as posted by Stephanie Jerabek. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mindy Hill.

**Madrigals:** It was an AWESOME show! The kids did a wonderful job and as a board and committee chairpersons, we were thrilled with the teamwork that was displayed throughout the planning and execution phase of this event. There will be a survey coming out shortly to give all choir families an opportunity to provide their personal feedback from the show. Please look for that to come from Ms. Lanute within the next week. We would appreciate as much feedback as possible to insure we can keep this event as successful as possible in years to come. Once again, THANK YOU to anyone that had any role in helping with this year's production.

**Marketing:** We are working to promote events, specifically our next major fundraiser which is Breakfast for Dinner/Silent Auction to be held on 3-9-19 at the Wesmere Country Club from 5-8pm. We are also working on soliciting donations from area businesses for the silent auction. We will ask for donations from individuals, choirs and families as the event draws near. Mindy Hill suggested that it is announced in the Wesmere newsletter the month ahead of the event, inviting residents to take part in the event. Laura Williams will take care of that in February. There will be an organization meeting for this event set up at the country club soon. Please watch email, Facebook and website for details.

**Fundraising:** We have a full day at Panera coming up on Monday, 1-14-19. It is from open to close so remember to mention PSHS Choir Boosters at the 59 and Caton Farm Road location for breakfast, lunch, snack or dinner that day. If ordering online, you will need to mention the code PRFND for the Choir Boosters to get credit for your sale. The flyer for this event is posted in the choir room, on Facebook and we will ask for it to be put up on the booster website. Noodles and Co. in Shorewood is our next dinner night, 2-11-19 from 4-8pm.

We have one spirit wear sale left this school year and it will begin in early spring. This one will be announced to the middle schools too so that the incoming choir students can order their spiritwear ahead of the first day of school in August. We have been successful in fundraising with each spirit wear sale we've done this school year so hoping the last one won't disappoint. Reminder that \$2 per item purchased comes directly back to the students through the Choir Boosters. The pop sockets, decals and southside choir shirts are still available for sale but have been quiet recently.

**Pancake Breakfast—New Place:** As mentioned under Marketing, this event will take place instead of the old Applebees pancake breakfast. The date is 3-9-19, 5-8pm at the Wesmere Country Club. It will be breakfast for dinner with a silent auction. The kids will still be asked to entertain by signing individually or in groups. Ms. Lanute will determine their music selection is family appropriate, otherwise all are welcome to participate and perform. Students will still be involved for serving as they did in the past but Boosters will take over the ticketing, cooking etc. We did have thoughts of this being a comfortable winter event so there was talk of dressing in PJ's but an organizational meeting will be announced within the next week or so to work out all details. In the meantime, if you know of an area business that would like to get some PR by donating to our silent auction, please let them know about our event. Laura Williams has donations from the White Sox, Cubs and Bears teams already. Tracy Campbell has secured a gift certificate from Peter Rubi and Stress Free n' Mess Free Cleaning Service.

### **Director's Notes:**

Ms. Lanute will be looking for a couple of volunteers to monitor rooms during Solo Ensemble on 2-9-19 from 8am to noon. She is asking boosters to donate a few breakfast type snacks for the judge's lounge that morning.

There will be a spring field trip, theater experience this year and Ms. Lanute has reached out to a company that she would like to work with however, if that does not pan out she is aware that Nikki Thompson is willing to help her organize this event and will reach out if need be.

Disney Tour 2020 is in the works! We are planning a similar timeline to our last tour such as kids leaving on Saturday and returning on Thursday during spring break. The company that we will utilize for this tour has taken groups to Disney thousands of times in the past so Ms. Lanute is very confident that our group will be signed up for all of the appropriate performance opportunities during their tour of the Magic Kingdom. Once Ms. Lanute has been given a final itinerary, she will announce it as well as the company assisting us.

**Old Business:** Mads feedback from the members present were that opening night was a bit of a rough start in that the drinks were not refilled and/or limited. By Saturday, the servers had this down and it went well. We may want to consider a sign or announcement in the program about cell phone use during performances. Lots of guests were involved in their phones if not all that interested in the show. Ms. Lanute stated that it was obvious who got dragged along by the families when you saw them on their phones or devices during the show. Not a lot we can do but mention it in hopes most will remain respectful. Ms. Lanute's suggestion for next year, for the safety of all guests and servers, would be to serve all beverages in pitchers or coffee carafe. Coffee specifically will be delivered to the table with a stack of cups and the carafe so that guests can pour their own. The extra seating in the lobby was well received and utilized by many. Ticketing lines were kept to a minimum due to assigned pauper seating as well, the photo boards were a welcomed addition to the lobby.

Upcoming Events:

- 1-14-19: Panera Day, open to close 59 and Caton Farm Rd.
- 1-16-19: Explorations Night at PSHS, 6-8pm
- 1-31-19 Treble Choir Fest, COD—Bel Canto Choir Only
- 2-5-19: Band Winter Concert w/Concert Choir Only, at PSHS 7pm
- 2-6-19: Booster Meeting, Choir Room 7:30pm
- 2-9-19: Solo Ensemble at PSHS, 8-12 noon.
- 2-11-19: Noodles and Co. Shorewood Location, 4-8pm
- 2-19-19: Winter Concert Rehearsal, Choir Rm. After School
- 2-21-19: Winter Concert, PSHS 7pm