

## PSHS Choir Booster General Meeting—September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

In attendance: Ms. Lanute, Director, Laura Williams, President, Kristin Larrea, Vice President, Tracy Campbell, Secretary, Lisa Hartman, Treasurer

Members: Mindy Hill, Catherine Stove, Lisa and Mark Melby, Carol and Harold Schroder, Margaret Kantor, Gigi Hepp, Rick and Belinda Hernandez

Member and E-Board welcome and introductions.

Lisa Hartman has hard copy of the proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year for members and, it has been posted to the PSHS Choir Booster Facebook page. It will be posted on the PSHS Choir Booster website later this evening. This is a proposed budget and it will be voted on by membership during the October General Meeting. She will also include moving forward an additional report to show how the club is trending, from a financial standpoint.

Laura Williams explained to membership that the current E-Board will assume responsibility of overseeing all committees this school year and solicit help from volunteers as needed. These committees include but are not limited to Madrigals, Hospitality, Marketing, Fundraising, Alumni, Pancake Breakfast and Homecoming Parade. The E-Board has touched base with John Hehl to help run the communication for the Alumni Committee and Chrystine Hanson to help with specific tasks within the Marketing Committee this school year.

We are dividing *Madrigal Committee* up into four categories that fall under one large committee. Each member of the E-board will head up the following categories. Front of House, Hostess/Ticketing is Lisa Hartman Construction of Set and Head Table is Kristin Larrea Decorating of the Royal Castle, Foyer and Tables is Tracy Campbell Kitchen Help is Laura Williams. As the show dates of 11-30, 12-1 and 12-2-18 get a bit closer, each category head will solicit help with their specific tasks, providing what needs to be done, when it needs to be done and how many folks we'll need. Look for sign up sheets in the future meetings for these categories. Great news Royal Guests!!!! For the first time in PSHS history, we will be catering the dinners from an outside source instead of using the school's food vendor, Sodexo. We are considering Duke's and Cutting Edge. Be prepared for a ROYAL FEAST!

*Hospitality Committee* has it's first event coming up with our Choir Kick Off Picnic to be held at Eaton Preserve from 3-7pm on 9-13-18. Mixed Choir is to bring side dishes, Treble Choir has paper goods, Bel Canto Choir has desserts, Concert Choir has drinks and Boosters are supplying the entrée. The supplies for this event have already been purchased by Tracy Campbell except for hot dog and hamburger buns. They will be purchased closer to the event date. We are looking for volunteers that wish to cook the meat, help set out the food or clean up after the event.

*Marketing Committee* will tackle things like being included on the school's daily announcements when necessary, advertising on the school Facebook Page and Website.

Laura Williams has made contact with Mr. Yanello and Mr. Pakowski for procedures. This committee will also promote our program within the community and solicit donations for events like our silent auction, Madrigal dinners or tech week, end of year picnic, etc. This committee also helps with the end of the year goodie bags and delivery to the incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Chrystine Hanson has agreed to help the E-Board accomplish these tasks and if further volunteers are needed, we will make the membership aware.

***Fundraising Committee*** covers things like dinner nights, spirit wear sales, promotional item sales, etc. Our dinner nights have been scheduled as follows:

Portillos 9-24-18

Chipotle 10-5-18

Slim Chickens 12-10-18

Panera Bread 11-14-18

Noodles and Co. waiting on approval for 2-11-18

Member Question: I know the 1<sup>st</sup> spirit wear sale concluded last Sunday. Will there be another sale?

Tracy Campbell answered: Yes there will be another sale coming up, I'm not sure of the exact starting date but it will conclude in enough time for us to get our items before the kids go to holiday break. The third sale of the year will conclude in enough time for us to get our items before spring break. We are hoping to have our first sale items in before the homecoming weekend.

Laura and Gigi explained Amazon Smiles to the membership and we asked them to see the flyers we had on it for further question but it is a no cost way for anyone that orders on Amazon Smile to donate to the charitable organization of their choice. Amazon sends us a check for a % of dollars spent. Lisa mentioned that we just got a \$5 deposit show up in the account the other day from previously ordered items. Ms. Lanute will put the link for Amazon Smiles on her teacher page. It is already on the Booster Website and reminders have been posted to the Booster Facebook page.

Decals are being given out this year with each paid membership. One decal per paid membership of the member's choice. Tracy stated pop socket sales are going well. They seem to be popular with the kids and we've received payments in our black box from students for them. We are then having the items brought to school with our children for delivery. We are almost down to 50% of our original inventory so get yours while we have them left!

***Pancake Breakfast*** will fall under our Hospitality Committee however we will be calling out for volunteers as it gets closer. We are considering making a change in venue to the Westmere Country Club and calling it Brinner, starting later in the day. We thought it may be fun to let the kids dress in their flannel Choir pants and PJ's so that we can make

it a relaxed, winter event. We have thoughts of adding a silent auction onto this event too. More info will come as the January or February date gets a bit closer.

**Homecoming Parade** The PSHS Choir Boosters are entering a float into the Homecoming Parade on 10-8-18 for the VERY FIRST TIME EVER! We are having a float building/brainstorming day at Kristin's home on 9-15-18 from 4-8pm. Laura Williams will set up a sign up genius for this event. We need as many hands as possible so students and parents are welcome.

**Director's Notes:** Ms. Lanute explained ILMEA to the membership as a concert that all four high schools combine to do which will be on 9-18-18 at North. This is for concert choir only but from there, there will be ILMEA auditions for anyone who wishes to compete at the District level in November and if they score a certain number of points there, they move on to the State level in January. It is great experience for our Concert Choir students and our photos have been updated from the student that attended last year. She also mentioned how excited the students seem to be for our Kick Off Picnic on 9-13-18. Mixed Choirs seem very busy planning what side dishes they will bring. This event will be held at Eaton Preserve from 3-7pm. She tells us that PSHS is hosting the BAND FESTIVAL on 9-22-18 and Concert Choir will sing the National Anthem. They have added twice the number of bands that they had last year so this event is going strong.

**Finance:** Lisa Hartman states that she has hard copies of the proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year for any members that would like one. It has been posted to the PSHS Choir Booster Facebook page and will be on our website shortly. It will be voted on during our October General Meeting. If anyone has questions about the budget, please email them to [PSHSCHOIRBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PSHSCHOIRBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM) so we can address them.

**Old Business:** Laura stated that both locker move in and curriculum night were a great success! We thank our Alumni parents as well as Chrystine and Heather for manning the table so the E-Board could walk our student's schedules.

**New Business:** Laura is looking at putting together an adults only social gathering at the Will County Brewery on Thursday evening for their SINGO event. Dates will be posted shortly so that we can come together as an adult community and get to know one another.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 9-13 Choir Kick Off Picnic Eaton Preserve 3-7pm
- 9-18 ILMEA Concert for Concert Choir only at North HS 7pm
- 9-22 Band Festival at PSHS for Concert Choir only 2:15pm
- 9-24 Portillos Dinner Night 5-8pm Shorewood Location
- 9-28 Homecoming All Choirs to sing National Anthem at 7pm PSHS
- 10-2 ILMEA Auditions 4:30 (Addison Trail HS) Concert Choir Only
- 10-3 Booster Meeting 7:30pm Choir Room
- 10-6 Homecoming Parade in Downtown Plainfield

Took Parent Questions:

Member question: How will my student split time between Server for Madrigals and a sport? Ms. Lanute stated that she has not had issue with this yet. The student should speak to coach and her so that their time can be split accordingly.

Member Question: What kind of time commitment is being a Server for Madrigals for the kids? Ms. Lanute stated there will be rehearsals after school from 2:30-3:30. The schedule is posted on her teacher page. The week of tech week they are expected to stay after all week and of course be available for the three shows on 11-30, 12-1 and 12-2.

Catherine motioned to adjourn. Jean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.