

General Booster Meeting 10-3-18

Call to Order 7:30pm, Admin present: Ms. Lanute, Lisa Hartmann, Laura Williams, Tracy Campbell and Kristin Larrea. Members present: Brian and Dawn Kemp, Cathie Stowe, Carol and Harold Schroeder, Gigi Hepp, Rick and Brenda Hernandez, Jean Larrea, Chris Campbell and Tom Mulcahy

Housekeeping:

Minutes from previous meeting in September were posted to both the website and our Facebook page. Laura Williams asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted? Gigi Hepp motioned to approve and Lisa Hartmann 2nd her motion. September minutes have been accepted.

Homecoming Parade:

It is this Saturday October 6th. We are meeting near the YMCA at 7:30am and our float number is 36. Please drop off your kids and have them look for our float/group. Park near PHS which is where the parade will end if you plan to stay and watch or march along with us. Laura Williams explained that our kids came up with the design of our float and that it is a 80's style boom box. They have been working very hard and have learned a lot from Mr. Larrea and the other parents that have come out to help them. They will be judged on their float and the winners of the parade will be announced at the PHS Alumni Tea. Our last practice and push to finalize the float will be at the Larrea's this Friday from 5-7pm. Bring \$5 for pizza and it will be ordered for dinner. We ask that any kids participating in the parade wear choir spirit wear and bring at least 1 but up to 3 large bags of candy to pass out during the parade. All kids participating must have a signed waiver on file. We have copies available here tonight and you may print one from Ms. Lanute's teacher page or our Facebook page. They must be turned into a member of the executive board by Friday evening or Saturday morning when you drop them off to our float/group. All kids will be asked to return to the Larrea's on Saturday after the event to help dismantle the float. The more hands, the quicker the work.

Madrigal Committees:

Once homecoming parade is behind us, we will work together as a board to come up with a date for our first Madrigals Meeting to brainstorm with the different committees, fill out the sign up sheets and come up with our game plans. We are in a bit of a holding pattern until after Fall Play due to limited space available in the work room. Keep your eyes out for that upcoming meeting. Paupers will be served bead and Wassail as they were last year.

Marketing Committee:

We need to continue our best efforts to promote our events, fundraisers and the choirs to the school and community. Next events to focus on are Madrigals, Chipotle Dinner Night and our "Brinner" event which is Breakfast for Dinner formerly known as the Pancake Breakfast.

Fundraising Committee:

Portillo's Dinner night made \$91 and our check is in route. Our next Dinner Night is set for Chipotle near the mall in Joliet, and will be on 11-5-18.

Dawn Kemp has suggested a program through Buffalo Wild Wings that offers a month long dinner night so to speak. The participant would show an electronic or hard copy card during specified dates and a % of their bill will be collected for fundraiser back to the Choir Boosters. Laura Williams will check into this tomorrow and try to set this up for this school year.

Tracy Campbell reported that our first Spirit Wear sale made us \$156 dollars and that this is the first year we are using our Spirit Wear sales as a fundraising opportunity. In years past, it was simply offered as a fun way to show choir spirit but this year, we have negotiated with all three vendors that \$2 per item be returned to the Choir Boosters as fundraising. Our next Spirit Wear sale will begin on or right around 10-31-18. The clothing will be in before the kids go to holiday break in December. If parents wish to holiday shop for their student, Ms. Lanute will not deliver the items during school. Instead they will be kept aside and arrangements can be made for you to pick them up. Decals and Pop Sockets are continuing to sell and thus far in promotional items, we have made \$291 in sales. Keep spreading the word that Southside Choir shirts are \$11, Pop Sockets are \$5 and Decals range from \$5 for large and \$1 for small.

Amazon Smiles is a check that is electronically forwarded quarterly. The last check was in excess of \$5.00 and deposited in August 2018.

Pancake Breakfast "Brinner" will be held at a new location this year. We are looking into space at the Wesmere Country Club and our tentative date for this event is 2-23-18. The event will still have the kids to sing and serve but will also include a silent auction. We will solicit prizes to auction from area business' or ask that the individual choirs come up with a themed basket. An organization meeting is to come, watch our website and Facebook page for more info.

Director's Notes:

Concert Choir had the opportunity to audition for the ILMEA District level competition last Tuesday, 10-2-18. 16 of our students auditioned and they all feel it went well. We will know on Saturday who qualified and Ms. Lanute will share this information with the kids on Tuesday, 10-9-18.

Fall Concert will be on 10-25-18 and call time is 6pm. Kids will be responsible for getting and putting away their own robes this year. If there is abuse of the robes, it can effect the student's concert grade. 2 members of the executive board will be present before and after the concert to observe and help direct traffic for Ms. Lanute.

Madrigals is getting closer but auditions for actors and Jesters have not happened yet. Kids will be informed of these audition dates as soon as that is decided. Our Royal Court and Servers have been in rehearsals to perfect their music.

Finance: Lisa Hartmann has posted our proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year on both the website and Facebook and it has been up for 30 days. We need to vote to approve the budget Laura Williams asked for a motion to approve the budget as posted? Jean Larrea motioned to approve and Chris Campbell 2nd the motion. The budget for the 2018-19 school year is approved as posted.

Lisa Hartman advised that this year our concerts will be tied to a charity of sorts and for the Fall Concert she has plans to collect non perishable food items and will work with CAPE or school officials on where they would like them donated. Dawn Kemp suggested "Well Wishes Project" that is affiliated with St. John's Lutheran Church and they collect dollar store toys and dollar store items for seniors to stuff stockings during the holidays. Lisa will look into this further and would like to work directly with a choir family's cause.

Kristin Larrea asked the members in attendance how they came across the membership form this year? We brainstormed easier ways to distribute the membership form to ALL choir families. Ms. Lanute and Laura Williams will work together on an email blast this week. Dawn and Brian Kemp suggested a "fast pass" which would give you rights to skip the line at the concert and gain access 5 minutes before doors open for priority seating. Ms. Lanute said it could be called "Achelarando" which means to go faster musically speaking. The executive board will come up with a way to offer this as incentive for our current and newly joined members prior to the concert on 10-25-18. Tracy Campbell has already gained the names and dates of when to turn in our membership form at the end of the current school year to insure that the registration mailer that goes out from PSHS in June includes the Choir Booster membership form as well as Cougar Boosters and Band Boosters.

Old Business: Choir Kick Off picnic was a blast! Gorgeous day and lots of kids in attendance. Chris Campbell commented on how many Freshman were there. Ms. Lanute said that many kids gave the picnic their "high" when they did "highs and lows" that week. Thank you to all that helped and allowed their students to participate in this event. The executive board would also thank all parents that have helped guide the kids while they have been getting together to work on the float for the parade. Your time with these kids is priceless, thank you!

New Business: Watch for information on the upcoming Madrigals meeting. More info to follow on our new event, "Brinner, Breakfast for Dinner".

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming Parade 7:30am at the YMCA 10-6
Fall Concert Practice after school 2:30-4:30pm 10-23
Fall Concert, Call Time 6pm, Concert 7pm 10-25 please bring non perishable
food item to donate.
ILMEA District Festival in Elgin (Select Students), all day 11-3
Chipotle Dinner Night, near mall in Joliet 4-8pm on 11-5
Booster Meeting in Choir Rm 7:30pm 11-7
Mads Tech Week 11-26 to 11-29
Opening Night for Mads 7pm 11-30
Madrigal Show 7pm 12-1
Closing Mads Show and Strike 2pm, 12-2

Singo Night at Will County Brewery on Route 52 for a night of adult fun! TBD Possibly
at On the Rocks too.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:26pm by Jean Larrea and Chris Campbell 2nd the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.