

**Sylvania Northview High School
Choir Boosters Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Sue Federman

Agenda and Treasurers' Financial Statement copies distributed.

Clothier Committee Report by Becky Engel:

The current system is working well, most fittings have been completed. The deadline for all fittings is the yearbook photo. Kelly Weddington has volunteered to assist Ellen Yerks. Jewelry needs to be ordered, and Colleen noted she has 24 orders pending. There are used men's tux shirts available, the price of \$ 10.00 each was suggested and approved. Although Diamonds Menswear worked well for us this year, they require students to go to them for fittings. Becky suggested returning to Roberts Menswear next year, since they will come to school. Colleen suggested working with the orchestra in a joint effort next year.

Treasurer's Report presented by Colleen Howe:

Colleen introduced Toni Webber, who has volunteered to assume the treasurers' responsibilities in January when Colleen will step down. We face financial challenges as donations have been lower recently. The changes in the Kroger Cares program has reduced current income from that program to about \$ 100.00 per month. Patron donations are also down to about a third of what they were last year. Current fundraisers are focused on providing funds for the A Cap choir trip to NY in December. Colleen suggested reviewing the annual scholarship awards program if funding becomes an issue. \$ 2500.00 was awarded last year. Polo shirt and jewelry orders are ready to place, however, about 30 choir students still need to complete their registration and pay the associated fees.

Publicity Committee Report by Melanie Dickerson:

Melanie has submitted an article with important fall dates for publication in the Cat Tracks newsletter; it also includes information on the cookie dough sale. She will add to it with the "Your Support Group" fundraiser details if time allows. The next general press release will be for the upcoming Quartet Showcase. She suggested swapping promotional ads with the fall theater musical program and the quartet program. She will clear this with the Northview Theatre Boosters.

In-Choirer Committee Report by Helene Szczerba:

Deadline for the next issue is Friday, Sept. 18th. She will include additional information on the Kroger cares program in an attempt to increase participation, including the online registration. The particular choir to be highlighted is not yet determined. The deadlines for the next InChoirer issue are November 13th.

Volunteer Coordinator Report by Judy Melick:

Parent volunteers are needed for the cookie dough distribution on Oct. 28th, between 3 and 6 pm. Eight parents would be ideal. Colleen will provide Judy with an email address list of parents who completed volunteer forms at registration, and Helene will send out an email blast for volunteers.

Fundraising Committee Report by Lori Pierson:

The current “Your Support Group” program begins on October 19th. They have also targeted April 26th as a start date for a spring program, if we decide to use them again. Students have asked about a candy sales fundraiser. She recommends that students run this on their own, which will require they purchase candy themselves, not with choir boosters funds. The upcoming Sylvania fall festival could be an opportunity to fundraise and seek general support of the program, she will look into the availability of space and any cost requirements.

Website Committee Report:

No formal report.

Merchandise Committee Report:

No formal report.

Old Business:

The NYC trip meeting on Sept. 1st for students who had not yet committed to the trip was an informational one. The final deadline is Sept. 22nd. There were 4 additional students and 6 additional adults considering participation. Since cost of the trip was a factor, even with fundraising to help cover expenses, the planning for the next trip will need to look at ways of lowering costs (such as taking in only one Broadway show). The next meeting for all parents and students going on the trip will be Nov 11th (4 pm) and Nov. 12th (7 pm). Attendance at one of those meetings is mandatory.

The Fall Quartet Showcase will be held on Sept. 24th at 7pm in the Little Theater. It is a student run production. Two Northview alumni are featured in “Prestige”, the special guest quartet scheduled to perform.

The Northview fall musical production of “Seussical” is scheduled for Nov. 6 – 8th at Lourdes College.

Chaperones are still needed for the KSU Men’s Chorus day on Friday, Nov. 13th. All A Cap men will be going. It is a day long event (7:30 am – 10:30 pm).

Chaperones are also needed for the junior high tour on Thursday, Nov. 19th. The Women’s and Symphonic Choirs will visit McCord and Arbor Hills with a concert designed to help recruit 8th grade choir students into the Northview High School programs.

New Business:

Upcoming events include the Sylvania Fall Festival on Oct. 18th and several December concerts. Volunteers are needed to help with the following: The Dec. 3rd Women's & Symphonic Chorus concert at 7 pm in the Little Theater; the Dec. 10th A Cap & HRS concert at 7pm, also in the Little Theater. Both events require us to be out of the building by 9:30 pm.

Directors Report:

Dawn reports that things are going well, she looks forward to having a Smart Board installed in the Choir Room. She is using PowerPoint lesson plans this year, and the feedback has been positive. She is encouraging students to talk up the Quartet Showcase among other students, hoping for a good turnout for this student run program. The overall quality of the groups performing is very good. The ESIS reports are now available online with the parent assistance module. Next year's choir recordings will combine recorded events during the year with the final spring performance, as one CD. It will be offered as a pre-pay order with order forms available at the merchandise table and elsewhere.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sue, seconded by Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next booster meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12th, 2009 at 7pm in the Choir Room.