

**Sylvania Northview High School  
Choir Boosters Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Minutes from the last meeting ( November, 2009 ) were reviewed and approved.

Agenda and Treasurers' Financial Statement copies distributed.

Treasurer's Report presented by Colleen Howe:

This report covers a two month period, November & December, 2009. Our overall financial picture looks good, even after the New York trip. Our fall expenses were kept to a minimum. We are expecting some money returning to us after the New York trip, specifically from students and New Horizons Tours & Travel. Our treasurer in training, Toni Webber, informed Colleen that she can not continue into that position due to personal schedule issues, but a new volunteer has come forward. Chris Apel has agreed to take on the Treasurers role, and is now training with Colleen, which is going very well.

The IRS response to our delayed filing of our 2003-2004 tax status paperwork has just been received. They are assessing a penalty of \$ 9,200.00 for not filing when required, if we want to maintain our tax status. Colleen will contact them since this amount is unreasonable. The 501C tax status requires due diligence in filings to maintain it, something past Treasurers had ignored. Our worst case scenario is loss of that status, which would affect the tax deduction eligibility of contributions made to this organization. Colleen will also follow up on this with our tax accountant, and will report further details at our next meeting.

Fundraising Committee Report by Colleen Howe ( for Lori ):

Our contract for two fundraisers with Your Support Group is now complete. All profits from them were applied to the New York trip. We have advised them that we are not interested in doing another event with them at this time. Since they market products with the Northview Choirs name, we want to avoid "overuse" of our name. There was also confusion regarding cookie dough. Some individuals confused our Otis sale with their product, which is one of inferior quality. We will try to launch another Otis sale in the spring, since it so profitable that it would be the only fundraiser need. Tentative dates are selling between Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, with delivery March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Acap pizza party needs to be scheduled since that was a reward for top Otis sales. Dawn will contact Judy about volunteers for it, and will try for Jan 15<sup>th</sup> or the week after exams, during the four lunch periods.

The Gordon Foods ( candy ) fundraising, organized by the students, had very little participation. Only two students sold candy.

Publicity Committee Report:

No formal report, although Dawn noted that information has been sent out via the upcoming newsletter and local papers regarding the Solo/Ensemble event.

#### In-Choirer Committee Report:

No formal report, the deadline for the next issue is Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Volunteer Coordinator Report:

No formal report. Colleen noted that eleven choir students participated in the “bell ringing” volunteer opportunities that spurred increased Christmas donations ( \$ 842.00 ) in December.

#### Clothier Committee Report by Ellen Yerks:

Ellen reported that Becky spoke to Kelly Weddington regarding helping out next year. She agreed to help but is looking to recruit some assistants. Dawn noted that next year will be a Madrigal year, and Ellen offered help, if needed, with the event.

Storage will become an issue during 2010-2011 during Northview’s construction. Students may need to take Madrigal costumes and uniforms home during the school year.

Ellen recommended continuing the practice of taking measurements during Wildcat Welcome Days. Collection of tuxes & robes should take place after the last concert, on May 1<sup>st</sup>. She also recommended combining our shoe orders with the orchestra, after school starts, using the same vendor. The men will also begin purchasing their own jewelry, same as the women do now, starting next year.

#### Website Committee Report:

No formal report. Dawn noted that the last major site update was January 2<sup>nd</sup>. She is reminding students that the website is a resource they should be using often.

#### Merchandise Committee Report:

No formal report.

#### Old Business:

Dawn reported that the New York trip was a great experience, despite schedule changes and the blizzard, both beyond our control. She thanks the volunteers and chaperones who made the trip possible. The Elyria concert at the start of the trip was a very strong performance – our choir sounded great. One of the unique highlights of this trip was an performance by HRS, of a Christmas medley, for the Atlanta Falcons football team, who were staying at the same New Jersey hotel. This particular trip was more performance focused than the last, and will serve as a model for future trips. New York at Christmas is a beautiful setting, and the one disappointment was not getting a “formal” choir photo in front of a cathedral, thanks to the blizzard. Dawn hopes to arrange an opportunity to take one at a downtown Toledo cathedral, so this year’s trip will be represented on the choir room wall, with the previous trips.

HRS will perform at the MLK event at The Temple in Sylvania on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The service starts at 7 PM.

The recital for Solo/Ensemble that was scheduled for Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, may not happen. This public recital, although a great warm up for contests the next day, is occurring during exam week. An announcement will be made on the website.

The Solo/Ensemble contests will take place Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Perrysburg High School. Times are yet to be determined, and will be posted on the website.

The Junior High Exchange has been cancelled due to schedule issues. Auditions will still be taking place at the schools next week.

#### New Business / Director's Report:

Bowling Green High school requested assistance with a scheduled performance by the group "Impact". They need a sponsor and accommodations for at least seven people. The sponsorship is \$ 3,000.00. After discussion it was decided we have to decline this invitation, but we will encourage students and others to attend the event, perhaps as a group.

Dawn requested the Boosters fund several bins for use in the choir room at a total cost of \$40.00. This request was approved.

Photos of choir events, concerts, etc. are needed for the website and display areas. Colleen suggested we look for a parent to volunteer for a combination Historian/ Photographer position.

A student teacher ( Josh Jones, from BGSU ) will start next week. He will be at Northview until May. He has previous experience at Northview, having done field experience here. A thank you gift from the Boosters was suggested, what it will be is yet to be determined.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sue, seconded by Ellen  
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Next booster meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 7pm in the Choir Room.