

**Sylvania Northview High School
Choir Boosters Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Minutes from the last meeting (January 2010) were reviewed and approved.

Agenda and Treasurers' Financial Statement copies distributed.

Treasurer's Report presented by Colleen Howe:

Colleen introducing the new Treasurer elect, Chris Apel, who has been working with Colleen during the past two weeks, learning our bookkeeping system. A review of our recent expenses show that the A cap New York trip total cost was about \$ 13,000, somewhat less than previous years. Upcoming expenses during the rest of this school year, including the spring concert & the awards banquet, should come in below \$ 5,000; which will leave an adequate balance for next year's activities. The Kroger Cares program continues to provide funding, but the program changes and low level of participation have resulted in diminished results. We will attempt to push the program to increase participation – it will be highlighted during orientation.

The IRS has received all of our overdue paperwork and has waived any penalties or fees for the late filings. Our 5013C status is confirmed.

Colleen suggested a 90 day limit on the submission of receipts for reimbursement. All agreed that was more than enough time, and was approved as standard policy.

Fundraising Committee Report by Lori:

Cookie dough flyers for the next fundraiser will be distributed this Thursday. Orders are due by March 1st. Delivery is expected on March 24th, and 4 – 6 volunteers will be needed to handle the delivery and distribution to students that day. Distribution is scheduled for 3 to 6 PM. This will be the only fundraiser.

Publicity Committee Report:

No formal report. Dawn reported for Melanie that the Solo/Ensemble event was profiled in the Sylvania papers and the latest issue of Cat Tracks. The spring cookie fundraiser information was also distributed.

In-Choirer Committee Report:

No formal report, the deadline for the next issue is Friday, February 19th. Contact Helene via E-Mail to contribute to the next issue.

Volunteer Coordinator Report by Judi Melick:

Volunteers will be needed at several upcoming events, starting with the March 3rd exchange concert at Notre Dame, which will involve the Northview Womens Chorus and the Men & Women A cap choirs. Chaperones will be needed for the 3 buses. The District 1 Large Group Contest will be held in Archbold on March 6th, and is an all day event that

will require about 10 volunteers. The day long schedule leaves plenty of time for students to get bored, so Dawn will have our students seeing more of the competing choirs this year, not just fellow Northview choirs. It was suggested that students could occupy some free time by doing a volunteer project, such as creating simple blankets that would be donated to hospital or community groups. Judi will look into getting 2 volunteers to work out this type of project.

Clothier Committee Report by Ellen Yerks:

Ellen reported that Kelly is continuing to investigate what to do with obsolete clothing items. Ellen also raised the question of getting make A Cap uniforms from the single semester choir students. Dawn will email her a list of students for her to contact about turning in their uniforms. Dawn also raised a request from an area teacher who inquired about borrowing several madrigal costumes for teachers to wear during an upcoming educational event. After discussion, all agreed to lend out some items (10 -12 outfits) as long as we keep track of what goes out and what comes back. Ellen will handle the logistics.

Website Committee Report:

No formal report. Dawn noted that the site is up to date. Results from upcoming auditions will be posted to the site on March 1st.

Merchandise Committee Report by Rick & Palma Wisniewski:

The two Christmas concerts yielded \$ 138.50 in sales, the money was given to Colleen during the meeting. A volunteer sign up sheet is needed for the merchandise table to reach new volunteers. Also, they have noticed that recent events at the Little Theatre have been held without unlocking the outer doors, which requires someone to open them throughout the evening. Dawn said she will look into this, since they should be unlocked for choir events.

Old Business:

The HRS performance at the MLK event at The Temple in Sylvania on Friday, January 15th, went very well. There was a large audience and HRS sang well, and was very appreciated. This is an annual event, and we will try to participate again in the future.

The District 1 Solo/Ensemble contests took place Saturday, January 23rd, at Perrysburg High School, with Northview choir students participating in 39 events.

New Business / Director's Report:

The eighth grade open house has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th.

An exchange concert with Notre Dame Academy is scheduled for March 3rd, with the details still to be worked out.

The District 1 Large Group Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th, in Archbold. Parent volunteers and chaperones are needed.

State contest is scheduled for May 1st, at Van Buren High school.

The spring concert is scheduled for May 13th, at Westgate Chapel.

The annual awards banquet will be held on May 17th, at Northview.

The end of this school year will bring several opportunities for parents to get more involved with the choir boosters as most of the officer positions will be open. This includes President, Treasurer & Recording Secretary. Committee chairs will also be open, including Merchandise, Publicity & Assistant Clothier. Volunteers for these positions are needed.

The upcoming construction plans, which will greatly upgrade existing facilities, do not include funding for replacement pianos. Ideally, nine digital pianos could replace the obsolete equipment now in the practice rooms, and a new grand piano is also needed. The boosters will look at fundraising programs in the future to try to meet these needs

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sue, seconded by Ellen
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next booster meeting is scheduled for March 8th, 2010, at 7pm in the Choir Room.