

**Sylvania Northview High School
Choir Boosters Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

Agenda and Treasurers' Financial Statement copies distributed.

Treasurer's Report presented by Colleen Howe:

Colleen reported that the recent changeover of National City Bank to PNC Bank will cause new account numbers to be issued for the choir booster's accounts, and will also result in two accounts statements for April. This month's final report was done by Chris, who will be ready to take over Colleen's responsibilities shortly. Our finances were noted as being very stable, with limited expenses this past month, such as the student pizza party and some mileage and professional fees, which included workshop fees and honorariums. Our recent income includes over \$ 800.00 from the cookie dough fundraiser and \$ 400.00 from the Kroger Cares program. Rinda advised Colleen that she had to recently "renew" membership in the Kroger program, possibly a new yearly requirement. Colleen said she would look into it.

Fundraising Committee Report by Lori Pierson:

Lori has received an email request from Jim Forrester, of Red Apple Fundraising, to meet and discuss next year's program. The last cookie dough fundraiser was well received and has become associated with Northview choirs. Colleen noted that the 40% profit level on the cookie dough is exceptional. Sue suggested we use an alumni list to reach additional community members who want to support Northview choirs during the next fundraiser. Red Apple Fundraising also has a "discount cards" program, and although several other Northview organizations use them for fundraising, Lori stated she would meet with Jim and discuss the options that could be available to us next year, and will advise us when she has more details. Ellen Yerks distributed several custom hand crafted items she made from recycled uniforms - including a pillow, handbag, wallet and coin purse – that could be offered for sale or auction at future events. The labor would have to be donated, as well as some reinforcing materials, but these items could provide a unique source of future funding. A quilt was also suggested as a potential hand crafted item.

Publicity Committee Report by Melanie Dickerson:

No formal report, just a note that recent articles on district results appeared in both the Sylvania Herald & Advantage. The latest Cat Tracks also featured this information as well as a call for more parents to participate in choir boosters, especially as officers, since so many senior parents will be leaving after this school year.

In-Choirer Committee Report by Helene Szczerba:

No formal report. The last In-Choirer for this year has been distributed. It contained information on the upcoming State Contest and the Awards Banquet, as well as a scholarship application.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

No formal report. Volunteer needs have been put in the latest In-Choirer. The State Contest on May 1st has enough volunteers. Dawn mentioned that the contest is open to all and encouraged family and friends to drive to Van Buren to enjoy the performances.

Clothier Committee Report by Ellen and Becky:

Ellen reported that they are creating a notebook of information to pass on to Kelly Weddington to guide her next year. The last uniformed performance will be the State Contest on May 1st, afterwards students may begin returning uniforms and accessories. All uniforms must be returned by the end of the school year. Dawn will contact the few students that did not participate this semester about returning their uniforms. She will also discuss with the school administration what consequences would be applicable for students who fail to return all items. Old uniforms will be discarded or recycled at the discretion of Becky and Ellen. Recently loaned madrigal costumes were returned cleaned and in excellent condition. The Spring Contest will have students performing in choir polos and jeans.

Website Committee Report:

No formal report. General consensus is that the site looks good and is functioning very well.

.Merchandise Committee Report by Rick & Palma Wisniewski:

Not much activity of late. They are hoping someone will volunteer to work the merchandise table during the spring concert, so that they can enjoy their daughter's performance. They will order more choir blankets and mugs for the 32 seniors that will be receiving them as parting gifts at the Awards Banquet on May 17th. Current items in stock for sale at future events include blankets, mugs, polo shirts and CDs.

Old Business:

The March 3rd exchange concert at Notre Dame went extremely well, but due to a scheduling conflict, the men did not go to St. Johns. Instead, the new BGSU Men's Choirs director led a workshop/rehearsal with them, assisted by Josh, our current student teacher. Notre dame would like to make this an annual event.

The concert on April 15th at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Toledo was an exiting event, and the choirs sounded wonderful. Van Buren choirs did not take part due to a sports event conflict, but the addition of HRS helped make the performance a memorable one, and it was taped. The acoustics were tremendous and added a unique dimension to the choir's sound. Dawn noted that there was some confusion regarding parents who wanted to take their students home from the event, and wants to remind everyone to submit written forms prior to the event.

The state contest will be held on Saturday, May 1st, in Van Buren. All details regarding the day's schedule is on the nvchoir.org website. Students need to be at Northview at 7:05 AM, with their return by 2:30 PM. We have enough volunteers as bus chaperones, but encourage everyone to come and hear the performances, which are scheduled at 9:20 am; 10:30 am & 12:40 pm. Please remind students, parents and chaperones that no recording or photography is allowed during these performances.

The Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th, at the Westgate Chapel. Students will need to report at 5:15 PM for rehearsal. More details will be made available after the State Contest on May 1st.

The Annual Choir Awards Banquet will take place on Monday, May 17th, at 6 PM in the Northview Cafeteria. The contributions to the meal are the same as last year's event: Freshman: Desserts / Sophomores: Salads / Juniors: Main Dishes / Seniors: Drinks .We will once again be awarding 3 scholarships, two at \$ 500 and one at \$ 1000. The scholarship application has been distributed and is also available on the website. Judi will coordinate setup volunteers, and it was suggested that underclassmen help out. Further details will be worked out at the next booster meeting, on May 10th.

The Northview Jazz band / HRS Concert is scheduled for May 27th. HRS will wear their formal attire. More details to come.

New Business / Director's Report:

The Tiffin Jazz Summit at Tiffin University on April 16th, was a very worthwhile event for HRS. Our students are very comfortable with each other and their repertoire, and sounded great. Both event judges gave HRS a superior rating.

A compilation CD of Northview Choir performances over the last two years, is now being assembled. How it is finally produced will depend on the level of demand for it.

New officers are needed for next year's Choir Boosters. Many senior parents are currently volunteering, and will need to be replaced. Some positions are filled, but most are open. Colleen suggested using the volunteer database to contact individuals to let them know they are really needed. We will try to contact as many underclassmen parents as possible.

Dawn reports that our students are continuing to work hard and stay focused as the year winds down. The upcoming competition and concerts help to keep everyone motivated.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next booster meeting is scheduled for May 10th, 2010, at 7pm, in the choir room. It will be the last booster meeting of the 2009-2010 school year.