

Haslett Choir Boosters Meetings

2022-2023

Choir Boosters Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Attendees:

Board: Patricia Marin, Joye Cuthrell, Monique Allen

Directors: Matt Callaghan, Samara Valla

Members: Andrea Green, Kassy Laurence, Johanna Lynch, Erika Noud, Melissa Straus, Danielle Torres, Kathy Wilson, Nikki Zsigo

Meeting started at: 7:01pm

- I. Welcome (President)
- II. Approval of January 11, 2023, Minutes
One spelling correction made
Motion to Approve: Kathy Wilson; Second: Joye Cuthrell
- III. Financials
 - A. IRS Update: Tom, our accountant, has filed again electronically; also submitted request for reduction/waiver of fines
 - B. January Financials (Treasurer Joye Cuthrell); See financial docs
 - C. Insurance: Continuing to gather information. State Farm is the only agency that has offered to provide coverage. Danielle to reach out to a broker and provide information. Insured Board members will be the only ones to remain on bank account.
 - D. Amazon Smile program is ending in February 2023 so will no longer be able to utilize.
 - E. 2023-2024 Budget: Discussed adding a June meeting or voting on budget in May.
- IV. Directors' Report
 - A. Matt Callaghan (High School)
 1. Successful social event: 52 kids attended Skating Party
 2. Solo & Ensemble Districts: 47 events, 41 move on to States. Form to follow with entry information for States.
 3. Feb 8th Pre Festival @ 8pm, Festival 15th & 16th @ Charlotte HS, students back at HS before 5pm.

- B. Samara Valla (Middle School)
 - 1. Middle School students working on sight reading.
 - 2. MS Festival: March 22nd, 8am-5pm @ Haslett HS. Volunteers required for score entry, concessions, etc.

- V. Old Business (Checking in)
 - A. Select dresses: Samara: has narrowed options down to 2. Will provide an update at a future meeting for Boosters to vote on expense.

- VI. Current Business
 - A. Website: edits sent in, close to being complete.
 - B. By-laws: next project, anyone is welcome to assist in creating/revising.
 - C. Silent Auction
 - 1. Update (Patricia): Last year 62 items, 59 donors, 34 individuals had winning bids. 35 non-winning bidders. 15 bids were over the estimated cost. How can Boosters bring in more bidders?
 - 2. Signup for soliciting donations & Instructions (Melissa & Nikki)
Melissa: Created cheat sheet to assist with soliciting donations.
 - 3. Classroom baskets (Nikki)
Themed basket ideas: Nerf/lego/spa/spring break. Nikki will visit each choir and students will have 1 week to bring in items. Baskets will be created from these donations.
 - 4. Plans for actual event?
 - a) Virtual/In-person? Discussion: Hybrid online/in-person night of concert/cabaret, pickup last night of concert. April 19th Spring concert? Reception after concert?
 - b) Use a platform? Last year used signup genius for Silent Auction. Explore other platforms/apps: Bidding Owl? Erika recommends auction website approx. \$500 cost, 'Auctria'. Erika offered to assist in researching this topic further. Need to decide how long the online auction will be open. Suggested 1 week live.
 - 5. Tasks: More volunteers needed.
 - a) Soliciting and collecting donations (everyone!)
Melissa introduced letters to assist soliciting donations. Melissa to log donations.
 - b) Storing collected donations:
Volunteers to store.
 - c) Creating packages & starting bids
 - d) Creating "catalog"/photograph items
 - e) Advertising (i.e., getting people to bid!):
Kassy volunteered to assist with flyers/advertising.
 - f) Slide show for Cabaret concerts (with logos)
 - g) Running Auction (format?)
 - h) Item Pickup

- i) Thank yous to businesses
- 6. Reminder: ideas presented at Jan 11 mtg: Sponsor a Choir Student, Fund a Scholarship (give people concrete things to support vs “just donate funds”). We can incorporate these as options for the Silent Auction

VII. New Business
A. none

VIII. For Next Meeting
A. Continue discussion and solidify plans for Silent Auction. Sign up volunteers for remaining tasks.

IX. Meeting ended at: 8:48pm

X. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 7pm; bring a friend.