

Haslett Choir Boosters Meetings

2022-2023

Choir Boosters Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Attendees:

Board: Patricia Marin, Joye Cuthrell, Monique Allen

Directors: Matt Callahan, Samara Valla

Members: Andrea Greene, Kassy Laurence, Johanna Lynch, Erika Noud, Tami Smith

Meeting started at: 7:02 pm

- I. Welcome (President)
- II. Approval of April 11, 2023, Minutes

Motion to Approve: Kassy Laurence; Second: Erika Noud
- III. Financials
 - A. IRS Update (Patricia Marin)
 1. Patricia reported the Boosters received a second notification from the IRS requesting more time to respond to our response to imposed late fines for tax years 2018, 2019, and 2020. She reported that Tom has said that it is possible to start paying our potential fines now but he does not recommend it.
 2. Paid \$190 fee to accountant for 2021 tax year response (regarding late fines). Still no response from IRS re: our response to imposed 2017 late filing fee
 3. 2022 taxes filed and accepted.
 4. This year our gross receipts were close to the \$50k limit for filing EZ vs itemized tax return. This should be discussed next year.
 - B. April Financials (Treasurer Joye Cuthrell). See financial documents.
- IV. Directors' Reports
 - A. Matt Callaghan (High School)
 1. HS students practicing for Cabaret
 2. State S&E: Chorale named Top 20 Michigan Choir
 3. Upcoming events/dates:
 - a. May 30: dress rehearsal
 - b. May 31 & June 1 @ 8pm: Cabaret
 - c. June 4: Graduation

B. Samara Valla

1. Cabaret

- a) Samara explained how Cabaret performance years differ from POPS Concert years. Cabaret has a musical theater focus, gives choir students more exposure to another genre, has more small groups and choreography. Pieces are chosen by the directors
- b) Underclassmen will be honored at the first Cabaret performance. Seniors to be honored at second performance
- c) Ticket seats are assigned, by donation, and available online and at door. Donation not required.

2. Middle School

- a) Samara reports that the MS had awesome results at S&E. Five students and all Ensembles received 1st Division ratings.
- b) Upcoming events/dates: May 18: POPS Concert; 18 soloists and Select to perform at elementary schools.

V. Current Business

A. Website & linking Google for Nonprofits

1. Website is still being tweaked. "Contact Us" form is on website, links for scholarships available on website, donors from Silent Auction are featured. We now have Google for Nonprofits, free, allows calendar and Google Drive space.

B. Silent Auction Update

1. \$9,064 raised to date (\$15,058 in merchandise)
 - a) 101 packages
 - (1) 85 businesses
 - (2) 12 individuals/families
 - b) 56 bid winners (several from same family, not all with kids in choir)
 - c) 59 non-winners (only 1 of these donated after not winning)
 - d) 5 donations (checks/PayPal)
 - e) Discussion regarding viability of future silent auction fundraiser followed especially regarding the low participation of choir families. (more than 500 students in program). Samara commented that she liked that the community is engaged, tapping into other people/sources to donate/ participate. Others commented that they received many compliments/good feedback on silent auction. Andrea commented that the auction was not the most user friendly to the less tech-savvy, would prefer in person. Johanna said would look into a better auction site vs signup genius. Late donations came in from Playmakers and the Detroit Tigers that can be used for next year.

2. Comparison to 2022 Silent Auction
 - a) \$5,030 raised (including \$100 in donations); 62 packages from 61 donors, ~\$7k in merchandise; 34 “winning bids” (35 additional bidders)
3. Remaining task: thank you writing: date tbd

VI. New Business

- A. Buddy’s fundraiser on May 23, 11am-9pm. Spread the word to ALL your family and friends. They MUST mention Haslett Choir Boosters for it to count towards our fundraising!
- B. Review of Scholarship & Award applications

VII. Meeting ended at: 9:15 pm

VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 7pm; bring a friend.