

Minutes

DSF Choral Booster Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2022, 7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm -

In attendance: Melanie Stoudt, Anne Reynolds, Maureen McBride, Olivia Acree, Sara Martin, Michelle Tuck; Kate Berkshire and Denise Ellen on zoom.

President's Report

Melanie Stoudt

Melanie stated that since the last meeting there was an excellent winter chorus concert. There are 12 people who have volunteered but who are not on the board.

Choral Director's Report

Michelle Tuck

Mrs. Michelle Tuck was introduced and group introductions made. Mrs. Tuck said her first day went well. Concert choir was timid but warmed up. Show-choir is eager, Festival is eager - hopefully Festival will be singing at basketball games. She has new music for students on Tuesday.

- Working heavily on recruitment. - Mrs. Tuck has talked to every class to talk chorus up. Show choir - will compete next year and will be open to everyone with recommendations. Mrs Tuck has a list of students who were in Middle school chorus who she will individually recruit. She has a letter and treat to these students to build excitement. Mrs. Tuck will get back with Melanie about exact help needed from Boosters.

Next Thursday - curriculum fair - Jazz band will perform, Mrs. Tuck would like to have show choir and festival perform and be greeters at door to auditorium.

This Thursday, Mrs. Tuck working with Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Weiss to use the gym at TMS to perform to 8th graders. Other choral programs - Deep Run has 100 students. Tucker and Glen Allen have 70 students each. Mrs. Tuck will work with counselors to overcome scheduling conflicts for next year.

New email - mltuck@henrico.k12.va.us

- Next event - District Chorus Feb 10-12 - 17 students involved. Need to get music to kids next week. Recordings will be posted also. No detailed schedule yet.

Thursday night 5-8 @ Deep Run

Friday school day

Saturday early morning until 2:00pm concert

All-State auditions - elite event April 21-23 in Richmond. Thursday night auditions during Districts with announcement on Saturday. Honors students are required to audition for All-State.

- Festival Chorus - Singing Valentine's - need help at lunch to set up booth with rose or lollipop and card. Also a virtual option to make a video and send to students. There will be

a girls group and a guys group to sing. Mrs. Tuck will let CB know what help she needs. Hopefully Admin will be okay with Singing Valentines.

- End of March Assessments for show choir and festival. March 15 concert will stay on schedule. Every group will perform at this concert.
- Spring Concert - Mid May - show choir will do a full set of songs 3-4; Festival will do acapela and Concert choir will perform.
- No Morning Practices at all this year, it does not work for Mrs. Tuck schedule.

Treasurer's Report

Denise Ellen

See January Budget Report - just under \$8000 in account. 2 new memberships came in at the Winter Concert. 1099 will need to be filed for Jason Peace, choreographer and Pam, choreographer and accompanist. Accompanist charged hourly rate \$50/hour, she came in during the school day plus the concert.

Secretary's Report

Melanie Stoudt

Sara motioned to approve December's minutes. The motion was seconded by Denise Ellen. December's minutes were passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Melanie Stoudt

Singing Valentines and more discussion at February meeting.

Programs

Anne Reynolds

They were beautiful for the concert. Lots of lead time in the future and will print more next time.

Flowers

Maureen McBride

All the flowers were sold except 10.

Hospitality

Amy Fowler

Stage looked great for the concert.

Media-Photography

Olivia Acree

Edited pictures from Winter Concert. Need group shots for a new instagram account. Olivia is happy to receive cell phone pictures from folks to put up. Need to get some nice group shots going forward.

Show Choir

Kate Berkshire

Girls are asking Pam for more challenging choreography. Pam will stay on as choreography for this school year. Mrs. Tuck will handle communicating desires with Pam. There is a difference in show choir choreography versus musical theatre choreography. One idea is to show Pam past performances to help with visioning for the Spring. Will reach out to Jason Peace for next year choreography. Need to figure out costumes asap. Probably a new dress for Spring. Show Choir Parents meeting soon.

Student leaders working on T-shirts for all chorus or maybe each group.

Possible field trip to a real competition this Spring.

Ms. Tuck is reaching out for a possible Show choir showcase for Henrico County - get every high school with a show choir to perform for each other at Glen Allen.
Mrs. Tuck will follow up to find out where the risers are.

Old Business

Senior Boards still need a volunteer.

Clean our storage rooms, refresh the chorus room for a clean start.
Fundraisers coming - Spring Flower sales, car wash and bake sale.

Next meeting Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm