

# Minutes

DSF Choral Booster Monthly Meeting  
September 13, 2021  
7:00pm  
Choral Room at DSF

## Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

### Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Lori Bowman, Denise Ellen, Carrie Haacke-Golden, Amy Fowler, Melanie Stoudt, Maureen McBride, Olivia Acree, Kaarin Gordon, Kate Berkshire, Katie Farris Parrish, Rick Butler, Anne Reynolds (on Zoom) and Mark and Debra Herzog (on Zoom)  
11 people present in person, 2 on zoom

### Choral Director's Report

**Carrie Haacke-Golden**

- Excited to be at Freeman. Leading variety of choral groups for 20 years.
- Choral calendar on the website, hard copy available for boosters.
- List of important upcoming dates on Carrie's board for students.
- Date corrections - Tuesday Dec 7, combined rehearsal date correction, Day 1 morning rehearsals, for show choir, Monday Dec 13 should be Tuesday Dec 14, Dates updated on schoology
- Extra show choir rehearsals
  - oct 26 and Oct 27
  - Nov 2
- Festival Choir had discussion - trying to come to agreement about extra rehearsal dates.
- Honors Credit - HiM changed to receive Honors Credit. - Festival has always had a honors option. Requirements are all on Schoology - attend 2 performances outside of school. Critique of performances. Project, taking on extra leadership responsibility. 9/21 Deadline for Honors Credit opt out/in - everyone needs to sign whether opting in or out.
- Would love help with recruitment - TMS only has 15 students in 8th grade, Current Freeman choir students could help with recruitment as Honors Project.
- Concern about events going virtual this year - Honors Choir and District choir auditions have gone virtual.
- Entire choral department will perform at Veterans Assembly
- Discussion about precedence of Choral responsibilities versus Sports commitments. No clear guidance in Choral Handbook. Mrs. H-G will be flexible to encourage students to meet commitments while encouraging participation in other school activities as well.
- Mr. Butler mentioned recruitment of current Freeman students is very important.
- Boosters interested in helping with recruitment.
- Many events will still go virtual, need to help encourage students to stay involved.
- At next meeting focus on ways to recruit within Freeman - T-shirts, boosters tables at lunch, singing telegrams at Halloween, etc.

### Presidents Report

**Melanie Stoudt**

- COI form for Olivia to sign.
- Officers can send emails to Melanie with officer reports if can't attend meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

**Denise Ellen**

- Audit all checked out and turned into Henrico County
- 3 new signatures for bank, Melanie, Lori and Denise. Opened new account and closed old one - all is well. Info sent to accountant to file taxes by November.

- Proposed budget presented
- Olivia Acree motioned to approve the budget, Maureen McBride seconded the motion.
- Budget passed unanimously.
- 501c3 applied, 6-9 months for approval from government.

### **Secretary's Report**

**Lori Bowman**

- Denise Ellen motioned to approve the minutes from June 2021 and Maureen McBride seconded the motion.
- June 2021 minutes passed unanimously.

### **Fundraising**

- Position open. Melanie presented.
- Mums sale. Need someone to take over coordination.
- Maureen and Kate will take over.
- Membership requests going out.
- Charleston wrap to be discussed at next meeting.

### **Media/Photography**

**Olivia Acree**

- Maybe both facebook and website are not needed - will monitor traffic.
- updated website
- Instagram - get student from each choral group to be social media ambassador, it could help with recruitment in school. How much adult supervision does this need?
- Olivia will take photos of kids in class starting next week. Will discuss head shots at next meeting.

### **Show Choir**

**Kate Berkshire**

- Asked for status on risers. Hoping for them by winter concert.
- Asked about shoes for show choir - tennis shoes for choreography rehearsals.
- Will get together later with Mrs. H-G to discuss details for dress.
- Asked about student leadership for all groups - Carrie will consider.

### **Programs-nothing yet**

### **Flowers- nothing yet**

**Maureen McBride**

### **Hospitality**

**Amy Fowler**

- winter reception on radar

### **Senior Boards**

- Position needs to be filled.

### **New Business discussed**

- Consider Booster Chair positions added for Concert and Festival - Carrie will consider. Further discussion at next Board meeting
- Engraving needs to be done for Fred Waring 2020 and Nat'l School choral award 2020 and 2021. Plaques in Choral Room

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm**