**Stratford Choir Booster Club Executive Board Meeting**

**August 26, 2021**

Members attending: Marcie Baker, Roxanne Camden, Marty Chapman, Katie Fields, Kaci Guy, Nadia Sledge, Courtney Thrasher.

President Katie Fields called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Updates from Choir Director – Marcie Baker**

Ms. Baker shares that Kristin Hopper will be heading up a campaign to collect donations from choir families in order to purchase Mr. Peter Steinmetz a brick for new walkway. Katie Fields states that she will be meeting with Kristin regarding Wufoo reports and will discuss brick for Mr. Steinmetz further.

Choir Carwash – Marcie states that annual carwash will be held on September 11, 2021. A sign up for parent volunteers and students to work a shift will be going out nest week. The carwash will be located in water tower parking lot.

Choir Uniforms – Marcie shares that she will need parent volunteers to assist with uniform fittings on September 6 and September 13. More info will be shared at parent booster meeting on August 31, 2021.

2022 Choir Trip – Ms. Baker shares that the upcoming trip will to Hawaii will be over Spring Break 2022. Marcie mentions that the trip has now been approved and deposit paid. There are currently 15-16 students interested in attending. Ms. Baker is waiting for more information of cost of trip per student and is hoping to keep cost below $3000.00 (per student).

New Piano Update – Marcie states that Fine Arts is currently looking at purchasing a Kawaii piano for new SHS theatre. Cost will be $12,000-15,000 from each department (Choir, Orchestra & Theater) as well as donations from outside Fine arts donors. Ms. Baker also notes that Steinway has a school discount available. She will research this further and update the board at a later date.

**Updates from Board President – Katie Fields**

Star and Brick Sales – Ms. Fields shares that Choir secured a star (yay!!!). There were 28 donors and a total of $7,750.00 was collected. Katie goes on to state that eight 4x8 bricks have been sold & three 8x8 bricks sold ($4000.00 paid). She reminds the board that those who have purchased bricks need to turn in wording form by September 15, 2021.

Fine Arts Fest – Ms. Fields states that Fest will be on April 3, 2022. Choir and Art are in charge of marketing. Marcie Baker shares that she will check with Art director for more information.

**Treasurer – Kaci Guy**

Please see attached financial report for detailed information.

Ms. Guy shares that she needs to reach out to those 2021 scholarship recipients who have not yet claimed monies yet. She plans to contact recipients next week and will update board as she has updates.

Kaci and President Katie Fields discuss wanting to increase the dollar amount of future choir scholarships. Ms. Guy states that she is looking into the monetary limitations and rules regarding our ability to award larger scholarships. More information to follow at a later date.

**VP of Fundraising – Marty Chapman**

Ms. Chapman shares that choir sweatshirts have been ordered. She is hoping to have shirts available for sale at upcoming parent choir meeting. Marty states that she has two Spirit dinners scheduled. The first will be at Mod Pizza on September 23, 2021, and second will be at Mia’s Table in February 2022 (date TBA). Ms. Chapman goes on to state there may be a third Spirit event with Cane’s Chicken later in the school year.

**Wassail Chairs – Debra Harris & Nadia Sledge**

Ms. Harris was unable to attend board meeting. Ms. Sledge was in attendance and shared Wassail updates.

Nadia shares that Wassail will be on December 5, 2021, at Norris Convention Center. There had been discussion about moving Wassail event to a different location, but it was decided to stay at Norris Center, so as not to lose our $1000.00 deposit.

Debra & Nadia are planning on this year’s event to a more relaxed and causal event. Instead of a sit-down dinner, there will be appetizers and desserts (think cocktail party type event). There will be VIP seating packages available as well as a general admission option. Currently looking at the following pricing – four pack VIP tickets $280.00, 2 pack VIP tickets $150.00, Individual VIP ticket $80.00 and general admission ticket $45.00. The general admission ticket does not include food. It is admission to concert only.

Ms. Harris & Ms. Sledge are also looking at securing corporate underwriters for event this year to offset cost to choir.

**Important Dates**

Choir carwash - September 11, 2021

Brick wording forms due – Septemder 15, 2021

Mod Pizza Spirit Dinner – September 23, 202

Wassail Concert – December 5, 2021

Fine Arts Fest – April 3, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm by President Katie Fields