

St. Francis Choir Booster Club Meeting Minutes
11.16.2020

- 1) Call to Order (Jen R)
- 2) Review and Approval of the October minutes
Heidi made a motion to approve, Jen 2nd minutes
- 3) Welcome and verbal roll call for attendees
Attendance was taken virtually
- 4) Treasurer's report (Catherine T)
Beginning balance was 17385.93. The ending balance was 15885.93 1 check was written for \$600 to Dean's Piano, \$900 for scholarship fund.
- 5) Director's report (Mr. Telschow)
DL to transition on 11/19/2020, meeting every hour on the hour, no longer A/B days for choir. They will be joined, singing. Started Christmas music. Friday will be virtual days with asynchronized learning. The plan is to do some 'getting to know you' activities for A and B kids. Need kids to submit more regular singing videos since things are on mute when they sing.
- 6) Show Choir updates (Mr. Telschow)
At this time they are able to do 1x a week in-person practice. Since show choir is a smaller group it can work. Prima is at 6pm on Mondays. BSS is at 6pm on Thursdays. About ½ of Prima is quarantined so no in-person tonight, Monday, 11/16/2020. Band is rehearsing tomorrow night in person at 6:30pm. Mr. Telschow is going to ask for 2x a week in-person practices.
There will be a virtual competition, about 50 groups are signed up. It's the 1st Saturday of spring break, Sat. 6th of March. In person competition in Onalaska, last weekend in April. No in-person comps in MN this season. There are a few in WI, IA. Discussion on if we want to consider other virtual competitions. Costs, minimal. Out of state comps would be a higher competition, bus, hotel, etc...
Cheryl asked about finances with virtual vs in-person competitions. Many kids have dropped so the fixed costs of show choir is now divided by less kids. About 15 kids dropped. It was recommended to do a parent survey to inquire on costs associated with show choir. Good communication needs to go out. Mr. Teleschow will put something together to send out. Mr. Teleschow discussed that in the show choir competition world there was discussion about kids needing to possibly have the vaccine in order to participate in show choir competitions/show choir in general.
Jake brought up the legal issues around vaccines, not able to mandate. Discussed waivers.

It was brought up to host our own virtual competition. It is a real possibility. It's also a real possibility that this is something that would happen in future years.

Discussed various costs and ways to make money. They could also do a solo competition. Needs a committee: publicity, advertisement, product items, forming a registration and intake of groups/solo, order trophy and awards, technical side of things. It's less work than a live competition. Lots of ways for kids to involve other groups. Run advertisements during the virtual competition. Teleschow will find judges and score sheets. Dates in mind: Mid March, possibly the 20th or the middle of February. Ideally it is late in the year, might be too much to get together in a short amount of time.

Jen R-We need a sub group to spearhead this. Certain people really have that in their list of skills. Jake suggested reaching out personally. People that come to mind, Jen Semler, Natalie Johnson, Nicki Humphrey. Janell suggested asking past students/alumni.

Submit a video ahead of time or do both? Many license issues to consider.

How to record, quality of recordings were discussed. That can all vary with what kind of equipment is available. Mr. Telschow has a rule book that he would like to review with the virtual comp committee.

Jake suggested doing an exploratory survey to find out how many people are interested in stepping up to help. Cheryl to send out a google form to find who is interested. Heidi suggested March 20th and to stay away from spring break as a possible date.

A motion was made and passed regarding making an inquiry on if we are able to find enough people to help organize virtual competition. Cindy suggested putting a timeline in place so that if we don't have enough helpers then we will table the idea of a virtual competition. The deadline of Nov. 30th was agreed upon.

Communication of DL changes: Mr. Teleschow will put together the surveys and communicate the changes with DL.

Fundraising committee report (Jen R)

Wreath sales were down. Should be delivered next week. Unknown of exact date but will reach out to Mr. Teleschow when it comes in.

Checks will get deposited soon.

7) Communications report (Cheryl L)

Updated the website. It has been a challenge to post on FB.

8) Old Business (Jen R)

Trailer for show choir-CT's husband continues to looking into deals. If anyone comes across any trailers please get information to Catherine as soon as possible.

Janell asked about the student directors stipend. Students had not received payment as of yet. Mr. Teleschow is going to send a msg to Jillian.

9) New Business (Jen)

Next meeting date discussed. The 21st is close to holiday. The 14th was discussed as an option at 6:30pm. That date was agreed upon.

Cheryl asked about a holiday concert. Mr. T would love to do a recording. Kids would need to submit the recordings and it is really difficult to get them to submit.

recordings. He was going to ask the district for a better software to use for videos/music/audio use. If they decline then he may ask the boosters to support that.

Choreo is December 7,8 in person with Nick @ 3-8. ½ will be Prima and then ½ will be BSS. Working out the details. The following week 18,19th retreat with kids, same timing. Working out the details. See if anything is affected due to covid.

11.) Call to Close-Motion to close 7:44pm by Jen and 2nd by Cheryl.