

**PHS Choir Booster Club Board Meeting**  
**November 16, 2023 at 7pm**  
**PHS Choir Room**

**In Attendance**

**Board Members:** Mr. Kessler, Ms. Vondette, Amea Isom, Shayla Alkire, Jessica Bailey, Laura Torres, Jenaya Alkire, Rebecca Aronson, Priscilla Cavazos, Adam Curow, Melisa Curow, Tanya Eble, Naletta Galbraith, Laura Harrington, Linda Roberts.

**Adult Guests:** Sara Johnson, John Welch.

**Call to Order:** Amea Isom called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Council Report ~ Jenaya Alkire**

We had the Friendsgiving, which went well. Audra Anderson said that she does not need \$50 reimbursement for the Friendsgiving. Money will be need for the Kantori Christmas Party.

**President's Report ~ Amea Isom**

**Pearland Christmas Tree Lighting** – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at Independence Park. Kantori will perform. We are still waiting on the lineup order.

**Pearland Christmas Parade** – December 2nd: Kantori and Musical will have floats in the parade. We have a meeting scheduled with the bus director to see if the Kantori and Musical students that are riding on the floats could be bused from the school to their place in the parade line.

Any Choir students that would like to walk in the parade and help pass out postcards advertising the Musical are welcome to. We came became parade sponsors because that is the only way that you can distribute any advertisement. In the past we have handed out Musical performance information on postcard size paper (2x3), with information about Musical, with a candy cane attached. We make around 2,000 postcards that are distributed at the Tree Lighting, and the parade. Musical distributes them, as well. The cost for being a Parade Sponsor was \$300.

After the parade, the kids can be picked up where the parade ends at Parkway Church on Pearland Parkway.

**Banquet** – Choir Council will give us a theme by January so that we can let The Gardens know since they are doing all of the decorating.

**TMEA** – This is the music educator event in February. The district pays for the head directors to attend every year, and assistant directors to attend every other year. This year is a year the district does not pay for the assistant director. In previous years we have covered most of the assistant director's expense, so we will need to approve \$550 for Ms. Vondette's expenses. It's \$50 over what was originally budgeted. Adam Curow asked that anyone that votes for it say, "Aye," and anyone against it say, "Nay." He then stated it was approved.

### **Mr. Kessler's Report**

We are still finalizing a couple of *Kantori Tour* dates. Right now we are looking at the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> for elementary school tours. We are unable to use buses, so we will need transportation for 23 students, preferably provided by parents. Each day we plan to have four stops. The times will be 8:30am to 2pm, with time for lunch.

February 17<sup>th</sup> is *Solo and Ensemble*.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the *Lock-In*.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

#### **Vice President ~ Shayla Alkire**

*BANDT* – we earned around \$3,800!

Shayla asked for feedback regarding *BANDT*: The set-up of everything was well liked; more streamlined. Bidding on item went better because there was less, and they were better quality. Ms. Vondette said that the choir kids really liked it.

Shayla stated that we are thinking of doing it again for Pop Show, but we would only have a silent auction for dessert items, and the 50/50 Raffle because coordinating the regular auction is a lot of work. We are thinking of Mexican food with a Cinco de Mayo theme.

Priscilla said that Whataburger has put together a box of items that can be used to auction off during the Pop Show fundraiser.

It was mentioned that there is a limit to the number of raffles that can be done in one year. Laura Torres was asked to look into that and report back.

It was suggested that we invite junior high kids to be part of Pop Show in order to get more people to attend the fundraiser. It was stated that they already have their own Pop Show, and it would take away from our choir students' performances. Mr. Kessler also raised the question that if they are invited, will the junior high director's want a portion of the funds raised. It was decided that we would just advertise Pop Show to the junior highs.

Mr. Kessler said that for Pop Show he is going to ask that a block of tickets not be sold, so that the students can go sit in the auditorium and watch the performance. They really can't get a clear picture on the TV in the cafeteria. The directors noticed that kids weren't auditioning for the show because they had never seen it.

Mr. Kessler also stated that to reach more people, he is going to look into promoting Choir events on Peach Jar.

The Broadway Nights performance is on Canvas, and can be downloaded through your student's account.

**Treasurer – Laura Torres**

We have \$12,200 in the account, and with the money that I just received, it will go up to \$13,000. We did roughly \$4,000 for Broadway Nights, so it would be good if could make as much for Pop Show. The raffle earned \$400, the dinner \$1,400, and the silent auction \$1,600.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Community Service ~ Tanya Eble**

Our next service project I thought it would be nice to volunteer for something. We will be doing Operation Turkey, run by the American Legion, which helps feed veterans and shut-ins at Thanksgiving time. It will be next Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10am to 2pm. I will send a flyer that has a QR code for sign-up.

**Fan Grams ~ Kathryn Alamia and Aimee Mittelsted**

They purchased the flowers for \$7 a dozen, (\$28 total for each night) and sold them for \$5. They sold out of flowers the first night. They also made candy bags that sold well.

Laura Torres stated that Concessions, Merchandise, and Fan Grams made a total of \$2,500.

**Concessions ~ Naletta Galbraith**

Naletta Galbraith is stepping up to run Concessions. Solo and Ensemble will be the next big event for Concessions.

**Uniforms ~ Jessica Bailey and Linda Roberts**

Everyone has been fitted. Some dresses had to be ordered, but they will not be here in time for Winter Concert. Five dresses were needed, and ten were ordered. We could have them wear all black and stand in the back. We need a list of students who need dresses. Will look to see if we can order them off of Amazon. More items are out for alterations, but will be back Sunday.

**Membership ~ Laura Harrington and Tanya Eble**

No report.

**Scholarships ~ Tanya Eble**

No report.

**Senior Recognition ~ Rebecca Aronson and Kathryn Alamia**

Ornaments are being made. The missing senior shirt is being made.

**Sponsorships/Spirit Nights ~ Priscilla Cavazos**

December 12<sup>th</sup> is Torchy Tacos.

A possibility for December would be Tiff's Treats, online orders only.

**Webmaster ~ Laura Harrington**

If there are new flyers, please text or email them to me so that I can post them on the website.

**Special Events**

**Region ~ Linda Roberts**

Region went very well. Pre-Area is November 30<sup>th</sup> at Dawson High School. The students will eat lunch before they leave, and we will have about 15 students going.

**Lock-In ~ Melisa and Adam Curow**

No update yet.

Winter Concert is December 7<sup>th</sup> at Pearland Parkway Church.

**Next Meeting:** December 11, 2023 in the Choir room.

**Approval of Minutes:** Shayla Alkire moved to approve the October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes. Adam Curow seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Ameal adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

*Minutes recorded by: Jessica Bailey ~ Secretary*