Chorus Booster Meeting 9/13/18

Call to order: 7:01

President Lisa Singeisen called meeting to order, board members present were introduced, Crystal Coluzzi Vice President, Meghan Campbell Secretary, and not present at the time Stephanie Steffens, Treasurer. Will share Financial Report and Budget when she arrives.

Eli Jason, shared status on t-shirts. Shirts were ordered and used student designed contest winner’s art. Chose a different company and will be on sale for 10.00 each, should arrive Wednesday. Students are encouraged to buy and wear a shirt for the Day of Peace concert.

Open position on the board- bylaws allow for a Media Chair. Perfect for someone Tech Savvy, help us communicate important info to group, would allow you to have a board vote and be involved.

Friday concert for International Day of Peace, Mrs. Smith shared the details. 8:00 am start time. Sep 21st 2018. Shared the bond between her chorus and the chorus in Nairobi. How music can help cross barriers and bring peace. Project is called a Voice for Peace, voice4peace.org All students sing the same song across the world, Ukutula. We will be live streaming it on the official website, along with 8 other choirs. Students should have already talked to their 1st and 2nd period teachers about the concert. They will do to 1st period and then they will be excused to the chorus room. Wear the Chorus t-shirt. If you cannot afford to buy to buy a shirt you can speak to Mrs. Smith for assistance, or you can send the student in any Venice “Green” shirt. Checks get made out to VHS Choral Boosters. Students should wear black pants, no leggings. Black jeans that are nice are ok and black shoes. Tennis shoes, black preferred, or black with some white detail ok. Mrs. Smith will send link for live stream and info. Please come earlier than 8 to sign in to the office to get a pass, if you wish to watch the concert.

Madrigal- 16th century feast set in England, skits, music, dinner, etc. Full meal with 3 courses, full costumes, the cafeteria is turned into a castle. After meal we have a concert in the VPAC. A requirement for all chorus students. Majority of our fundraising comes from this event. Requires lots of hands to make successful. Committees help us achieve success on this event. Tickets available now through VPAC box office. Discount for matinee on Saturday for families of VHS students. Discount code is Chorus2019, Tickets are 18.00 instead of 25.00.

Costumes- Tammy Heimann, we have more men in chorus this year. Will need to make more male costumes. Need help making more halos, and repairing more. Need help inventorying and prepping sizes. Need help distributing costumes. Putting away and washing them after.

Food- Stephanie Steffens We don’t cook the food, is catered by the cafeteria services. Provide info to cater how many meals, Help to put out condiments and such on tables. Behind the scenes, providing pitchers of drinks, helping to expedite plates to the student servers, etc.

Tickets and Publicity- Meghan Campbell will share more as we develop this committee, about how we can get flyers get out to the community. We want to sell out every performance this year in advance. Help with check in during the event, help with media outlets, press releases, etc.

Construction/Décor- Anne Marie Kelly, create the castle in the cafeteria. Help create props as needed, set up before hand and tear down after last performance, and store it. Help to paint and woodworking. We want a wall behind the king’s table. Potentially make a pipe and drape for a bigger impact but smaller space needed to store. Looking into a possible storage shed. If we do offsite storage we need transportation of the items here. Takes a few hours to assemble, but going down is quicker. Planning to meet, and will decide when to meet to create needed items and construct/paint.

Tables- Crystal Coluzzi- majority of this is done on day of each performance. There will be 150ish people at each performance. Come 1-2 hours before, to set tables, and get it all out quickly. Tri-M will help with inventory, so we know what to order. A committee member can help with inventory.

Chaperone committee- in between Saturday performances the chaperones set up adults to be in the holding area, then in between the students need to be fed. Responsibility is on the committee to set up donations, purchases, and students to bring in food items. Castle Madrigal can also help with food for the students for that evening as well.

Jillian Steffens shared that she will have a list of what we need for props, connecting with Venice Theater for prop donations, for the madrigal troupe skits.

Castle Madrigal, the Trammel family they have pu ton event at their home called Castle Madrigal. Open their home for a catered meal and smaller version of the event. Tickets are 150.00 each. Will be raffling off tickets to the event. They can have 34 people total for the event.

Singer’s showcase- last year was the first time we hosted this event. Will be bigger this year. Feb 21st at Plantation Golf and Country Club. Italian meal, concert by students who have auditioned and rehearsed. Will need committees. Business sponsorships: hoping to get businesses to sponsor tables, pay a fee, get tickets, get recognition, as determined by the committee. Will get tables closest to the front. Tickets and publicity- Plantation will put on their calendar, tickets will go through the VPAC. Le Voci performed last year at Plantation and want to support us, so we decided to host the event there. Will include a full 3 course meal. Dessert Auction – donations from area restaurants, etc. we did an auction during the event. Need chairperson for this committee. It is a fundraiser for Italy. Traveling students that sell tickets will get the proceeds for their personal fundraising. Other students sales that are not traveling, will be divided among those traveling.

MPA- it is February 27-28, held here. Music Performance Assessments. Schools from all over Sarasota and Manatee travel here. We provide concessions during these two days. We do snacks, lunches, and dinners. Will send out sign up genius to get volunteers.

Bigs and Littles- 125-130 students in chorus programs this year. There is a lot of information and details, so our Bigs help new chorus members get connected and mentor them. Every 1st year student gets a Big. The week of the 24th they will get assigned their Big.

Mrs. Smith gave a description of the All State audition process. Boosters have a 1,000 budget for the student music and lodging.

Finance report= Currently at Stearns bank and looking to change banks. Boosters has a 37,000 balance currently. We brought in 18,000 last year. Travel fundraisers are flower sales, castle madrigal, and singer’s showcase. Income comes from other fundraisers, donations, MPA, Madrigal, t-shirts. Boosters help cover end of year awards, accompanist, All State.

Italy trip- students can still sign up, it is still available. Meeting on October 4 for fundraising. Currently have Singer’s Showcase and flower sales but are open for new ideas. IF you have a great idea, be prepared to help execute it. We avoid doing things that collect funds during class, as it takes too much class time. Each traveler is paying about $4,000.00.

Please sign up for the committees, signing up does not commit you, it just gives you an opportunity to hear from the committee chairs.

Future meeting dates. Oct 2, Nov 1, Feb 5, April 4

Please sign up for the remind, and check VHSchorus.org and is updated regularly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm