

Norfolk Catholic Music Boosters-Minutes for Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Attending: Jeff Heng, Kristi Heng, Jackie Wortmann, Melanie Smith, Deb Stinson, Rachel Moser, Jack Fischer, Sue Davis, Lisa Guenther, Janet Jundt,

Presidents: Kristi Heng & Jackie Wortmann – Called to order, distributed agenda, and Kristi led the opening prayer.

Secretary: Melanie Smith – Minutes for March meeting approved.

Treasurer: Jeff Heng – Distributed a report with income and expenses for March and year-to-date and a summary of the fund-raisers, also a balance sheet.

Vocal: Rachel Moser –Vocal Music Update



Varsity Choir March was a fast but fantastic month for vocal music! Varsity choir has been preparing for District Music Contest, but has not had as much time as hoped with all of the other activities going on. They are doing well; it will just take hard work in the next two weeks to pull everything together. The Pre-District Concert will be at 7 pm on Monday, April 19th in the Activities Center, with District music contest taking place on Friday, April 23rd at Norfolk Public. Times are still to be announced. Varsity Choir will also sing for Confirmation Mass on Saturday, April 10th. The varsity show choir earned a 1st PLACE TROPHY at the Northeast Show Choir Competition on March 30th, and was very happy about their performance! They competed against 9 schools and deserved the award! Megan Schulte was accepted by audition for a Nebraska Young Artist Award, and enjoyed a day at UNL checking out the music department. Three senior students were also invited to join the Young Americans – Marcus Wilcox, Hilary Smith, and Mariah Morgan! What a great honor for them! Juniors and sophomores who auditioned will find out as seniors whether they were accepted or not.

Junior High Music 7th and 8th grade music students have been practicing their piano playing skills and music theory knowledge. In the next few weeks, they are wrapping up a unit on keyboarding, key signatures, and reading music. They will soon begin a new unit on musical theatre to end the year. The Junior High Show Choir also did an excellent job performing for the Jazz Band/Show Choir Extravaganza, as well as in the Northeast Competition! They brought home a 2nd Place Trophy – the highest place ever for an NC junior high group! They have improved a lot this year, and hope to have many other junior high students join them next year for this fun extra-curricular!

4-6 Grade Music 4th graders are practicing their recorders for the elementary concert on May 2nd. They will be playing several songs, including one by Beethoven! It was VERY difficult to choose a cast for the 5th and 6th grade play, “The One-Hundred Year Snooze.” So many students did a wonderful job. The cast has begun practices after school and the students have been memorizing songs for the play. They are really working on acting as they sing, and are improving a lot. They will perform the play at the concert on May 2nd. The nine students who attended Sing Around Nebraska in February will also perform one of their selections from that event at the concert!

Young Americans A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE YOUNG AMERICANS WORKSHOP!!!! The kids will be talking about this for a long time, I can tell! They really had a wonderful experience, and we were fortunate to be able to have so many participate. Students are already talking about “next time!”

Band: Jack Fischer - Thank you for all you do for us!!!!

Junior High Honor Band in Pierce this Saturday with 8 students attending. Need \$112.00 for entry fees Norfolk Junior High Band Contest on the 17th. Need \$140.00 for entry fees. Taking band and jazz band. High School Contest is the 23rd and the first schedule came out with some bad timings for our school. Trying to resolve those and then print and post the contest schedule for students and parents.



After contest is over I will try and recruit some flag corps members for next fall. I have 3 returning and would like at least 3 more. Looking at a Latin piece for marching band. The same one the jazz band played at the concert. Tiger of San Pedro.

Things band will need:

- Someone to co-ordinate junior high band uniforms

- A drum instructor for camp.

- A flag person (hopefully)

- Drum heads and some sticks for marching

- New cymbal handles and pads

We need another baritone and somehow an elementary tuba. \$\$\$ Do we have any? Bartione 666 used and 866 new, baritone, tuba, 1411 or 1522 conn or Deg. This item was discussed and there is a \$1000 donation available, so it was decided that the Music Boosters would pay the additional \$522 for a new instrument.

Where do the signs go we used for pancake feed. I took them to S H. and Ken said they we athletic boosters but I was under the impression they were ours now. They are in the hallway still. They go in the concession area and Kristi will put them away.

Money for 5th grader on flute. Ashlyn Grier.

Army Band from D.C. here on the 21st.

There will be some accompanist fees for contest solo's.

Old Business Discussed:

- ❖ **Young Americans** – Rachel wrapping up DVD sales. They will be mailed.
- ❖ **New Officers:**
Need President and Vice-President (or co-presidents on staggered terms). Jerry Guenther is taking over as secretary. Thank you, Jerry.
- ❖ **Calendar** - Melanie will still do the work for the calendar for 2010-2011 and will have order forms at the spring functions and at school. Need to find someone to take over the yard signs and hangers.
- ❖ **Show Choir and Jazz Band Extravaganza** – March 28, 2010 – Worked well to have desserts only. Thanks to Deb Morgan for organizing.
- ❖ **Thank you card** – Melanie designed thank you cards for Jack and Deb to use for the pancake feed and the Young Americans donors. If anyone else needs a Music Boosters Thank You, please contact Melanie.

New Business:

- ❖ **Sound Shells** – Decided to purchase two more sections for about \$4600. Rachel ordered them and they are already in and look great! The major purchase for 2009-2010 is now complete!
- ❖ **Music Requests** – Rachel needs some CD's. There was some discussion about needs for 2010-2011. A plexi-glass shield for the drums, an electronic keyboard, and general instrument build-up were decided on as priorities.
- ❖ **Fall Kickoff** – Lisa Guenther will chair this again sometime in August.
- ❖ **Music Boosters Scholarship** – The board members looked over the scholarship applications and, as there were four members with a conflict of interest, we decided that we would ask Cindy Booth to help with Deb Stinson.
- ❖ **Music Awards** – Wednesday, May 5, 7:00, Burns – Kristi will order cake.

The next meeting date is undecided, as it is Music Awards night on Wednesday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. in Burns Hall. See you all there!