

# Norfolk Catholic Music Boosters-Minutes for Wednesday, September 2, 2009

**Attending:** Jeff Heng, Kristi Heng, Jackie Wortmann, Melanie Smith, Deb Stinson, Rachel Moser, Nancy Nissen, Jerry Guenther, Janet Jundt, Deb Stewart, Gretchen Forsell, Troy Berryman

**Presidents:** Kristi Heng – Called the meeting to order, distributed agenda, and led the opening prayer.

**Secretary:** Melanie Smith – Minutes for August meeting approved. The 135 letters for business memberships have been sent out, 37 were previous members.

**Treasurer:** Jeff Heng – Distributed a report with income and expenses for the month and year-to-date, and also the summary of all fundraising projects. Also reported the balance. Talked about how the calendar and yard sign sales have been going and the membership drive.

**Vocal:** Rachel Moser –

- ❖ Varsity Choir Varsity choir this semester consists of 62 energetic students! Our choir room is pretty crowded, but I am excited about the potential in this group and about all of the new voices! We began the year singing for the opening two school Masses. The first was 7-12 grades and the second was an All-School Mass. The choir is enjoying singing SATB Mass music from our new Worship & Praise books purchased by Karl Henkel's parish choir and the Music Boosters. We are ready to begin working on a variety of projects for this fall – singing for the Catholic Daughters' Dinner on the evening of October 18, a Fall Multimedia Concert on October 30, and Conference Choral Clinic on November 9. The show choir has also begun practice, as well as eleven students who are auditioning for the Nebraska All-State Choir.
- ❖ Junior High Music The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade singers have also begun practicing songs for the Fall Concert on October 30. There are MANY talented students in this group. Miss Moser looks forward to teaching them more about singing and about music in general. Junior high students have had the opportunity to sign up for the Junior High Show Choir during these first several weeks. They will begin practicing two mornings a week in September, and will participate in the Elkhorn Valley Jr. High Choral Clinic on November 6.
- ❖ 4-6 Grade Music Elementary musicians are also getting back into the swing of things with a few new songs and a few new games. "Composer Idol" will begin in September, with Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven as the contestants and the students as the "judges." We'll listen to some of the famous classics and see who the favorite composer is for each class! 4-6 graders have the opportunity to audition for Sing Around Nebraska, a bi-annual festival held on February 20 in Columbus. 10 students from Sacred Heart will be chosen to sing at this festival with many other area 4-6 graders. Rehearsal for auditions will begin soon!
- ❖ Young Americans Registration for the Young American Workshop on March 14-16 is underway! 4-8 graders and 9-12 grade choir or band members may register from now until the end of this first semester. Miss Moser is in need of volunteers to host Young Americans in their homes when they come, as well as volunteers to help with food. Please speak with her regarding registration, "Homestays," or if you have a desire to volunteer your time or food. Scholarships for students to attend the workshop are available for any families who are in need of aid. Please contact Miss Moser if that is the case.
- ❖ **Young Americans** – Sheila Schukei will help with the food arrangements and Sue Davis may chair. If not, will be looking for a volunteer to chair this.

**Vocal:** Nancy Nissen – Things going well so far and will start Sacred Heart Singers after Labor Day.

**Band:** Jack Fischer

- ❖ **E-mail** – Had list of addresses for Kristi.
- ❖ **Instrument Contracts** – Jeff and Jack will compare information to see that it is all up-to-date. Also, if a student is asked to play a different instrument to balance the band, we will waive the fee, but still sign an agreement so we know who is responsible for the instrument.
- ❖ **Uniforms** – Sent them home with students to organize space and have hemming done. May have students bring them back, but football game and parade is in a few weeks, so maybe have them keep them?
- ❖ **All-State** – Applications due on September 11. Students pay their own entry fee, and if selected, the Music Boosters will pay that back, plus costs to attend All-State.
- ❖ **Flag corps** – Lot of positive comments on their performance. Will perform on the field with the band on September 25 and at the parade the next day.

**Old Business Discussed:**

- ❖ **Video recorder** – Need to find out what Deb Eisenmenger has done regarding this. Some discussion about maybe getting a different camera than one that is used for personal use, as we would want the sound quality to be very good. Rachel will check with Tim Miller from Media Productions.
- ❖ **Calendars and Sign Hangers:** Melanie Smith – Only a few calendars left, will sell them through school or at the first football game. The sign, name, and hanger sales have been going well. After discussion, we decided we would not be providing the 'S' hooks for the hangers after the first batch we bought were handed out. We had not been charging for them and the expense was too much.
- ❖ **Concessions:** Deb reported that the concession stand is stocked and that the Athletic Boosters donated the left-over hot dogs and buns from the Hot Dog Feed. Thank you to them! Kristi is working on student volunteers and Carol on the adult volunteers. Kristi has the forms ready at the concession stand for students to sign and get an adult to sign. This must be done at the time they are working.
- ❖ **Picture Buttons:** Jack and Rachel will check in class if there are enough who still want picture buttons.
- ❖ **Sound Shells** – Discussed again the concern about adding wheels (sturdy enough?, invalidate warranty?, etc.) to the shells from Wegner company ([www.wengercorp.com](http://www.wengercorp.com)). Rachel showed a version from McDonnell that already had wheels. To the Music Boosters the cost is not so much a concern as is getting something that will work really well and be very easy to set-up, take down, and store. Need to get these ordered soon as we want them for the concert the end of October.

**New Business:**

- ❖ **Pancake Feed** – Kristi has reserved the Parish Hall for Sunday, February 28, 2010. We still need a chairperson for this. Jeff Heimes left very detailed information, so it will not be difficult to step into this. **Please consider volunteering for this chair position.**
- ❖ **Information on Sycamore** – Would like to have link to a Music Boosters page from Sycamore where the minutes could be posted. Melanie will look into this.

Closing prayer was lead by Jackie and meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. in band room.