

Norfolk Catholic Music Boosters-Minutes for Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Attending: Jeff Heng, Kristi Heng, Jackie Wortmann, Melanie Smith, Deb Stinson, Rachel Moser, Jack Fischer, Lisa Guenther, Janet Jundt, Jill Marsden, Kirk Morgan, Mike Brtek

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

Secretary: Melanie Smith – Minutes for October meeting approved.

Treasurer: Jeff Heng – Distributed a report with income and expenses for October and year-to-date and reported the balance. There are more family and business members than last year. Jeff will print out the certificates for the business members and we will hand-deliver them as we did last year.



Vocal: Rachel Moser – 4-12 November Vocal Music Update – Miss Moser

❖ Varsity Choir

The Fall Concert was a great success! The student's hard work learning the music and putting together the multimedia presentation was displayed well through the performance! The show choir, varsity choir, and men's and women's choirs each performed, as well as six senior soloists and the junior high choirs.

Twelve students attended the Conference Choral Clinic on Tuesday, November 10th. It was unfortunate that due to a miscommunication at our host school, most of our choir did not attend. Our school was represented well by these students, however.

The choir and band performed a combined song for the Veterans Day program on November 11th, and is planning to sing for several upcoming school Masses. They have also begun preparations for the Christmas Concert on December 13th at 3:30 pm in the Activities Center.

Five students were chosen for the 2009 All-State Choir! Congratulations to Sydney Jundt, Hilary Smith, Cole Eisenmenger, Scott Benson, and Garrett Clausen! They will be attending the conference on November 18-20.

Several students also auditioned for the UNK Honor Choir and the Doane Honor Choir.

❖ Junior High Music

The 7th and 8th grade singers also performed extremely well at the Fall Concert! They are now preparing for the Christmas Concert as well. Their singing and ability to read music is steadily improving! The junior high show choir "rocked" the house at Elkhorn Valley and had a great time singing with students from 13 area schools!

❖ 4-6 Grade Music

After naming Ludwig van Beethoven our Sacred Heart "Composer Idol" and enjoying some spooky Halloween music in minor keys, the 4-6th graders have also begun preparing for the K-6 Christmas Concert on December 13th at 2:00 pm in the Activities Center. Each class will be working on singing independent parts a little more through the use of rounds, partner songs, and songs with harmony.

❖ Young Americans

Registration for the Young American Workshop on March 14-16 is underway! Any 4-12 graders 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.

❖ **All-State Choir** – Congratulations to the five students attending, Sydney Jundt, Hilary Smith, Scott Benson, Cole Eisenmenger, and Garrett Clausen. Miss Moser will take them to Lincoln in a school van and they will be staying at the Holiday Inn, which Music Boosters will pay for. Music Boosters will reimburse those students the \$20 tryout fee. Discussion was held about how much to pay for meals and the board will decide.

❖ **Accompanist** – For next year, Rachel will put in the budget for the school to hire an assistant/accompanist. For next semester, the Music Boosters will pay for this.

❖ **Show Choir Bus** – Will have a charter bus for NCDCA in Norris, but probably take school bus to Omaha. Rachel will check into cost.

Band: Jack Fischer

❖ **All-State** – No one made the all-state band, but have following honor band tryouts:

UNK-Nov. 6- 4 students tried out; WSC – Nov. 24 tryouts; Class B All-State- Dec. 16 tryouts.

❖ **Veteran's Day** – Band and Choir worked together for a Veteran's Day performance. Many compliments were received on the great job they did.

❖ **Band Bus to Games** – There was some discussion about taking 2 buses, but it turns out one bus will take approximately 58 students and few others will ride with parents. Music boosters will pay for bus and admission to game, with donations accepted to help with costs.

❖ **Instruments** – Will get trumpet mutes.

Old Business Discussed:

- ❖ **Video recorder** – Recorder, tripod, and memory stick are on order with Mid-City, for about \$430. We will wait with a burner, as there may be enough burners around to use.
- ❖ **Young Americans** – Deb Stinson working on the food arrangements. Need more homestay volunteers. This is now open to all high school students, so if a student in music wants to be assured of a spot, please get your application in soon.
- ❖ **Sign Hangers:** Melanie Smith – Sorry for the delay with the last four outstanding name plates, but the company making them has been busy with harvest. They are to be painted and should be done soon.
- ❖ **Concessions:** Trying to get workers organized for November and December.

New Business:

- ❖ **Locker Signs** – Thank you to Lisa Piper for the Jr. High Show Choir signs and Lisa Guenther for the band and chorus signs.
- ❖ **Music Booster Links** – Thank you to Janie Stappert for setting up a Music Boosters page and links to it. Go to www.ncknights.org and then from the Norfolk Catholic Jr. / Sr. High page it is under General, or from the Sacred Heart Elementary page it is a tag on the left side. Janie has also set up Music Boosters on Facebook to help communicate with students.
- ❖ **Sound Shells** – Worked very well for the Fall Concert, but we could have used two more for the band. Rachel received a quote for the purchase of two more shells and we will decide about buying two more, since major project for 2009-2010 was the sound shells.

Closing prayer was lead by Jackie and meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. in band room.