

Norfolk Catholic Music Boosters-Minutes for Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Attending: Jeff Heng, Jackie Wortmann, Melanie Smith, Deb Stinson, Rachel Moser, Jack Fischer, Samantha Hahn, Eric Stinson, Jerry Guenther, Janet Jundt, Deb Morgan, Kirk Morgan, Sheryl Cahoy, Gretchen Forsell

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

Secretary: Melanie Smith – Minutes for February meeting approved.

Treasurer: Jeff Heng – Distributed a report with income and expenses for February and year-to-date, and a summary of the fund-raisers. Pancake feed brought in about \$2300, but no expenses paid yet.

Vocal: Rachel Moser –Vocal Music Update



Varsity Choir The varsity choir is on their way to learning six songs for District Music Contest in April! They have a great start, and have really begun to practice well on this music. They are also preparing for Confirmation Mass in early April. District soloists and small groups are also underway. The varsity show competed at UNO on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Although I was extremely proud of them and happy with their performance, we received no trophies at this contest. It was a good learning experience!

Unfortunately, we were snowed in Norfolk for the NCDCA competition on Monday, Feb. 15 and for the Knights of Columbus Valentine's Day Dinner. I have looked at several other options for competitions in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa, but none of the dates worked for us or the competitions were already full. The next performance will be at the Potato Bar on March 28th at 6 pm, then at the Northeast Competition on March 30th.

Junior High Music 7th and 8th grade music students have begun a new project – learning the keyboard! We will spend about a month and a half learning the basics of playing the piano, and learning a few simple songs, as well as reviewing the music theory necessary for playing an instrument. The Junior High Show Choir sang great three-part harmony at the Pancake Feed on Feb. 28th, and are looking forward to performing at the Potato Bar on March 28th and at the Northeast Competition on March 29th. Only 5 practices left, so please make sure to be at practice and to be on time!

4-6 Grade Music 4th graders have begun to play songs on their recorders using 5 notes. They are also doing very well with counting rhythms! 5th and 6th graders are auditioning during the first week of March for the 5-6 grade musical, "The One Hundred Year Snooze." Auditions have been great so far – I can already tell it is going to be VERY difficult to choose a cast from these 100 talented students. The elementary spring concert will be Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 pm.

Young Americans We are less than two weeks away! Although students from several other schools have signed up as well, there are still about 30 open spaces for the Young Americans workshop. Homestay families are signed up and have been contacted. Information about a final schedule, ticket sales, video sales, and meal plans was given out during the last week of February and is due this week. Please get those in as soon as possible. A HUGE thanks to Deb Stinson for organizing all of the meals, and to all who have donated food or time! It was WONDERFUL to have that all taken care of, and I am so impressed by the amount of people who volunteered so willingly. Thank you so much, and now let's pray for a smooth running workshop!

- Rachel received a check from UNK to reimburse the students who went to their Honor Choir.
- Accompanist fees for nine days is \$90.

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

1. 19 will attend Conference honor band on Monday March 8. \$130.00 for meals.
2. 7 are attending Class B all state band: Nicole Timmerman, Maryann Forsell, Samantha Schulte, Kevin Gillis, Ramiro Icaza, Ryan Klima, Nick Volbrecht. \$ 210 .00 for participation fees.
3. We auditioned 10 for Pierce Junior High Honor Band April 10.
4. Contests: Junior High April 17, Senior High April 23
5. High School Pre-contest concert is April 19.
6. Swing Choir/Jazz Band Concert is March 28 starting at 7:00 with dessert.
7. There will be changes in the music department next year. Miss Moser is leaving and I will personally miss her.



- I think she has been good for NC. The grand experiment in scheduling will be that the band and choir will rehearse in the same period 3rd and share students as needed. The Swing Choir and Jazz Band will rehearse during 5th period. This will take co-operation and planning on the teacher's part but should lead to a unified and stronger music department. If it doesn't work well we will change it back or try something else. The "hunt" for a working schedule is ongoing. We are willing to try anything to make the groups even better than they are now.
8. Bus for State basketball is reserved. We will work with students as far as riding bus or with family, etc.
 9. Didn't work out to do flag corps tryouts. We will try it around cheerleader tryout time.
 10. Will have some instrument and/or repair bills coming in soon.

Old Business Discussed:

- ❖ **Young Americans** – The meal and ticket orders have been coming in. Melanie has the meal tickets and concert tickets ready. Rachel will set up a night, maybe Wednesday, to stuff envelopes with tickets, etc. She also had people volunteer to help with the check-in where the envelopes will be distributed and tickets can be sold. Deb reported that she had great response to request for donations and help, and most of the food has been donated, except for the turkey, which she may just purchase.

- ❖ **Pancake Feed:** Jack Fischer -
Distributed a hand-out with information for anyone taking over next year. Jack thought everything went really well and thanked everyone who helped.

New Business:

- ❖ **Music Boosters Scholarship** – Melanie will update and get to Guidance Office. The deadline will be Tuesday, April 6, so they can be reviewed at the meeting on April 7.
- ❖ **Show Choir and Jazz Band Extravaganza** – March 28, 2010 - Deb Morgan – After discussion, it was decided to move the time to 7:00 and have desserts only.
- ❖ **New Officers Needed** – The offices of President, Vice-President (or two co-presidents), and Secretary need to be filled for 2010-2011, as the two-year terms of the current officers are finished.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Thank you card** – Melanie will design some thank you cards for Jack and Deb to use for the pancake feed and the Young Americans donors.

Closing prayer was lead by Melanie and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in band room.