

**CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2013**

The meeting began at 7:00pm with Mr. Edel and three chorus families in attendance.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 19th** : Category 5 sings National Anthem at Relay for Life Opening, and two songs at 7:00pm; Seniors will be at Grad Bash
- **April 20th** : Car Wash at bus ramp on Line St. 8:00am-2:00pm
- **April 22nd** : All letter points due
- **April 29th** : 2:45-5:00pm Recording session at FBC; CANCELLED!
- **April 30th** : National Anthem auditions for graduation 2:30-3:00pm; for chorus students only.
- **May 2nd** : Spring Concert at First Baptist Church at 7:00pm, cost: donations
- **May 3rd** : Choral State MPAs in Tallahassee
- **May 4th** : Breez' performs at Liberty Park 2:00-4:00pm
- **May 6th-8th** : Breez' auditions for 2013-2014; group TBD
- **May 7th** : NHS Inductions 6:00pm Breez' sings
- **May 8th** : This Day's Age performs at the District Services Center
- **May 10th** : The Concert III (Breez')
- **May 11th** : Chorus Awards Banquet 1:00-4:00pm
- **May 13th** : Hat Trick from Stetson visits CHS - tentative
- **May 19th** : Baccalaureate 2:00-3:00pm at First Baptist Church
- **May 22nd** : Graduation at 7:30pm

OLD BUSINESS:

Ruby Tuesdays

The check from the fund raiser for Arizona trip participants should arrive in about two weeks.

Car Wash

Cancelled due to weather

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be asked to work this event because Seniors will have returned from Grad Bash late (or early in the morning, actually).

Yard Sale

Although there was some discussion about a yard sale as a fundraiser, there is insufficient time to plan it this late in the year. It will be on the agenda for early next year. Mrs. Mosley has generously volunteered to coordinate the event, which will likely occur in the fall. A discussion at the previous booster meeting included considering holding a car wash outside while the indoor yard sale in on.

Spring Concert

The event is Thursday, May 2nd at the First Baptist Church in Inverness at 7pm. Donations will be accepted at the door at the beginning and the end of the show.

The show is called *Share the Music ... Share the Dream*.

NOTE: Call time is 5:30pm

- Chorus officers will hand out programs and solicit donations. Booster parents are invited to just come and enjoy the show.
- The intermission may be extended so that the seniors receiving awards in Lecanto have time to come take part in the second part of the show.
- We will be doing a live audio recording of the concert. They may be ordered at the concert for \$5, and will be delivered sometime before May 17th.

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Choral State MPAs

Friday, May 3rd in Tallahassee at the Bradfordville Baptist Church. Concert Choir will be attending. Details will be provided, once available, to Concert Choir students in class.

Awards Banquet

The banquet is Saturday, May 11th. Setup will begin at 11am. The Chorus Officers will handle the majority of the details, including decorating for the banquet. Most of the additional help needed from the Boosters is for setting up and cleaning up the buffet. Invitations will go out in approximately 1 week.

The Concert III(Breez')

Friday, May 10th at 7:00pm in the CHS Cafetorium.

- This Day's Age will also perform.
- Tickets will be \$5 in advance and at the door.
- The standard concessions will be sold, for \$1, including nachos, sodas, candy bars, chips. Students will work concessions.
- Tickets will be handled by Tri-M; Mrs. Mosley volunteered to be the chaperone
- Mr. Edel will see about having this event video and/or audio recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Concert Recording Session

Cancelled – We will be doing a live audio recording of the spring concert instead

Baccalaureate

May 19th at First Baptist Church 2:00-3:00pm. This is a non-denominational faith-based event for upcoming graduates. Anyone from chorus who would like to sing, is invited to do so. There are so many seniors this year that it impacts all the groups tremendously.

Category 5 and Mansoons

Category 5, the Chorus female a capella group was started in 2008, at which time too many ladies with great voices tried out for Breez' than Mr. Edel could select. After some discussions with these ladies, helped by the fact that many musical arrangements for this type of group were available, the a capella group was formed. The idea being they would learn songs, record them, and every year would continue to build the recorded repertoire. The group would be proficient enough to perform outside gigs. A number of factors have hampered this initial vision, not the least of which being that musical arrangements for this genre are no longer so readily available.

The Mansoons were formed in 2011 because the gentlemen were also eager to perform a capella. But, they also suffer from lack of musical arrangement availability.

This being said, Mr. Edel is re-evaluating these groups and the vision for their future. Uniforms and performance possibilities, including outside the school community-especially the offering of singing valentines, are also being re-examined.

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Music in Our Schools

Mr. Edel expressed concern about the possibility that music, and other arts, could be up for consideration to cut out of programs as school systems, individual schools, and government organizations look for ways to reduce their budgets.

Items of concern include:

- There are a number of bills in the House and Senate with proposed cuts in music/arts programs.
- A number of music teachers are retiring throughout the county
- CHS budgets (only) \$1200 for its music program

If you are interested in keeping these programs, make your voices heard to the school board AND legislators. We are looking for someone who can be a Legislative Watchdog next year. They would keep abreast of government proposals involving the arts, and report them to Mr. Edel and the boosters.

Arizona Tour

The tour operator has arranged for drums, keyboards, and a sound system to be provided for performances at no extra charge, alleviating us of the concern and expense.

New/finalized information:

- 34 are going, as follows
 - 1 director and spouse
 - 6 chaperones
 - 26 students
- The final itinerary should be done by the end of the month, new information includes:
 - The Arizona Diamondbacks will be on a road trip, so there will be no performance there
- This gives extra time in Flagstaff where a CHS concert performance has been booked at the Blessed Virgin Cathedral in downtown
- The airline we will fly is still being determined; Southwest does not offer group rates, taking them out of consideration.
- Not everyone is paid up yet, 9 still owe \$\$.

Ruby Tuesday's Give Back days ...

May 14th through 16th are Ruby Tuesday Give Back to the Community Days. Eat there during one or more of those days and show your server the flyer at the end of these minutes (and available on the chorus website for printing or displaying on your device), and the CHS Chorus will receive 20% of the bill. Please note that discounts and coupons are not accepted for this event. See below for information about our end of year celebration ... we hope to see you there!

End of Year CELEBRATION at Ruby Tuesdays

May 14th, 7:00pm. We will have an end of year celebration, while taking advantage of Ruby Tuesday's giveback program to raise some additional funds for the much needed sound system.

At 7:00pm we will begin the last Chorus Booster Meeting of the year. **ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.** It will be a CELEBRATION of the past year, a quick review of this year, and what's coming up next year. Tell a friend, or better yet ... bring a friend to join in the fun. Boosters wear your Chorus Booster shirt! If you don't have a shirt, but would like one, become a booster parent next year, and help support our kids. There will be many opportunities to volunteer next year and enjoy the spirit and enthusiasm our musical students bring. Next year, we will be in need of a new secretary, website person, legislative watchdog, and volunteer coordinator. If you would like to do any or multiple of these jobs, or know someone who might, please let Mr. Edel know.

After the meeting, stay and enjoy some good food and good company. You are also welcome to come eat before the meeting, just make sure to bring a flyer with you so the chorus can benefit, too. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CHS CHORUS.**

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CHORUS RESOURCES:

CHS Chorus Website

Important information and resources are posted on the chorus website. Booster meeting minutes are posted under the “Parents” heading.

To access the website, go to the CHS home page and click on the Chorus banner, or enter the following address in your browser: <http://citrushighchorus.webs.com/>.

The following pages make up the site:

- Home – introductory page.
- Events – calendar of events for the school year.
- Resources – various web sites related to choral matters.
- Groups – lists the different choral groups.
- Officers – the chorus officers.
- Parents – booster meeting minutes, meeting dates and other parent information.
- Scholarships – web sites pertaining to higher level music education and scholarships.
- Arizona Trip – important information about this year’s chorus trip, including itinerary, payment schedule and other information, links to places to be visited, and more.

CHS Chorus Twitter Feed

Mr. Edel will use this to inform students and parents of events. The address is: @caneschorus.

CHS Chorus Handbook

The 2012-2013 CHS Chorus Handbook contains important information about the chorus, the booster club, events, requirements for attendance, lettering, conduct, important dates, and much more.

Booster Officers

- Lisa Edel – Chairperson
- John Edel – Co-Chairperson
- Isabelle Whitley – Secretary and web site
- Anna Mosley – Public Relations

Next Meeting – also our last meeting of the year ...

May 14th at 7:00pm at Ruby Tuesday’s. See the end of the “NEW BUSINESS” section for information and details.

We hope to see you at the last meeting of the year, enjoy good company, and good food.

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ENJOY A MEAL WITH US AND WE'LL GIVE BACK.

Ruby Tuesday

COMMUNITY GiveBack PROGRAM

100% OF THE GIVEBACK AMOUNT IS DONATED DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION.

Ruby Tuesday is extremely proud to be part of your hometown and believes in giving back. As a fellow member of the community, we invite you to participate in...

Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack Program.

Grab your family and friends and join us at the 2235E GULF TO LAKE HWY location on the dates listed below. Please present this flyer to your server, and we will give back 20% of your purchase to the organization.

HOW IT WORKS

(We apologize but we cannot accommodate coupon usage or other discounts in conjunction with our GiveBack Program.)



To make a reservation, call us at 352-344-1752 or visit us online at rubytuesday.com

Organization's Name: CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Event Name: CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS AZ TOUR
Date(s) of Visit: 5/14/2013 5/15/2013 5/16/2013

Ruby Tuesday

For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu,
visit rubytuesday.com

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