

**CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2013**

The meeting began at 7:00pm with Mr. and Mrs. Edel and less than 10 people in attendance.

UPCOMING DATES

- **March 26th**: Citrus County Fair Breez' at 8pm
- **April 4th**: Picture Proof Day in the Chorus room from 2:30pm-7:00pm
- **April 19th**: Relay for Life opening – Category 5
- **May 2nd**: Spring Concert* at First Baptist Church (FBC), Inverness.
- **May 8th**: This Day's Age at the District Services Center.
- **May 11th**: Chorus Awards Banquet
- **May 18th**: The Concert (Breez')
- **May 22nd**: Graduation

* date subject to change

Dining to Donate - Applebee's and Ruby Tuesday

Both fundraisers brought in a good amount of money. The Ruby Tuesdays one was more successful. This was due in part to the fact that it went on for 3 days and there were no restrictions on the hours it was in effect on those days. Also, the support for CHS chorus at Ruby Tuesdays was very strong.

The Applebees night raised \$149.03.

Ruby Tuesdays raised \$483.70.

The funds raised went to paying for the Arizona trip T-shirts. Ruby Tuesdays invited us to do this once a month. More likely we will do it several times over the school year, but we don't want it to lose its effectiveness by offering it too often. There will possibly be one more before the end of the school year, one during the summer and then occasionally during the next school year.

Mixed Bag Fundraiser

This fundraiser brought \$200 to chorus. Mr. Edel expects this order in soon. The fundraiser did well, however, Mr. Edel's expectation that all chorus students raise at least \$10 each for chorus was not met. This was also true of the Yankee Candle fundraiser. Thus the new sound system purchase will have to wait. Beyond the \$10, funds raised per student could be applied to the student's Arizona trip costs.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

This brought \$700 to chorus, but again, participation was not what was expected. Thus the amount for chorus was not enough to cover costs and raise sufficient funds to purchase the new sound system so badly needed.

District Choral MPAs

Mr. Edel was very proud of all the kids at the District MPAs held here at FBC for the second year. The organizers were once again impressed with how the event went.

Chamber Choir received an Excellent, and Concert Choir received a Superior, which qualifies the latter for the **State MPAs on May 3rd in Tallahassee**. Both groups received an Excellent in sightseeing, a very difficult task. Kudos to both!

The concession sales went well – all candy bars (from a previous fundraiser) have now been sold! Yeah! Tri-M did a nice job carrying out their duties and representing Citrus High. Thank you to the chaperones who kept things operating smoothly.

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State S/E MPAs

This year the State MPAs for S/E and Choral groups were separated into 2 events. The state S/E MPAs, held in Jacksonville on March 18, went quite well. Participants and results are listed below:

Groups:

Chamber Choir	--	Superior
Category 5	--	Excellent
Mansoons	--	Excellent
Breez'	--	Superior

Soloists:

Greigh S.	Superior PLUS High Honors in vocal solo. He was invited to perform with the honors choir, but the return schedule could not accommodate that.
Mary Jane O. & Keagan T. Robbie V.	Superior Excellent

Mr. Edel said it is very difficult to get a superior rating at the State level. He is very proud of all the participants.

In addition to Greigh's honors mentioned, the Director of Choral Activities at Palm Beach Atlantic University, who judged at this event, had high praises for him.

Thank you to Mrs. Mosley and the Dickinsons for chaperoning. Also, thank you to the Dickinsons for tracking down the equipment bus...don't ask! You had to be there...

Additional Fundraisers:

Additional fundraisers are being considered to help build the depleted chorus funds.

Car Wash -- Saturday, May 20th from 8am-2pm

Although this is the day after Grad Bash, there are plenty of other chorus students that can help out- approximately 15 people are needed to work at each car wash location..

This is the same weekend as Relay for Life. The location is the bus ramp at Citrus High. The decision to have a second location is being looked into.

Yard Sale -- TBD

This item was discussed at length. It was agreed that there was no good date to hold this on this school year. So it will be considered next year. Location, Date, who to run it/work it, tables, and other needs, pricing ... all these were preliminarily discussed. Decisions were tabled except the idea that the event will be next year some time. Mrs. Mosley volunteered to help organize an event.

Spring Concert

The event is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd at the First Baptist Church in Inverness at 7pm. However, a conflict has come up with some honors being awarded to a number of Chorus students. Mr. Edel asked for the attendees suggestion on alternatives. Mr. Edel will look into alternate dates (very few that don't conflict with other things are available), he will also look at other arrangements for the same date. Saturday afternoon, May 4th is also a possible option, although an evening performance preference was expressed by the meeting attendees.

A field trip to make a CD recording is not an option, however, an after school recording session may be an option.

Mr. Edel will ask Mr. York about possibly video recording the concert.

Baskets will be placed outside for donations. Mr. Edel lamented that sixty chorus students are seniors this year.

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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 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.

Arizona Trip

30 Students are going on the trip, along with the chaperones.

The final payment, in the amount of \$997, is due Tuesday, April 2, the day we return from spring break.

Currently, T-shirt ads are being sold. This gives students another opportunity to raise money for their trip costs. These sponsorships are due April 2 also. Sponsorships are \$25 for 30 characters. The shirts themselves are paid for from the Restaurant night fundraisers. Mr. Edel described the shirts.

The airline has not been confirmed yet, however, it is very likely that there will be a charge for checked luggage. Mr. Edel expressed some concern about this and discussed options with the meeting attendees. It is possible that, if judiciously packed, everything can fit in a single carry-on, which would be at no charge.

Performances during the trip have not been finalized since they are dependent on final travel arrangements. The Arizona Diamondbacks game, the bbq dinner show, and a cathedral in Flagstaff are all possible venues.

Awards Banquet

The banquet is Saturday, May 11th. The officers want to run the show. Parents are only needed for setup as chaperones.

A possible theme was discussed, but no ideas really popped.

NEW BUSINESS:

Picture Proof Day

April 4th in the Chorus Room – from 2:30-7pm. The photo company is one from three years ago, although Chorus receives no revenue from this, the service provided to parents has been reliable in the past.

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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, 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.

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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

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The meeting ended at 7:45pm.

We hope to see you at the next meeting, which will be held on ***Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 7:00 PM*** in the Chorus Room.