

**CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2013**

The meeting began at 7:00pm. Mr. Edel with six booster families present.

Fundraising

These will help raise money for the new chorus sound system, general chorus expenses, and to help students going on the chorus trip to Arizona this summer. The first \$10 raised by each student going on the Arizona trip will go to the chorus department. The remainder these students raise will help fund their trip.

▪ **Applebee's Give Back Night**

The Applebee's fundraiser evening, February 7th, netted \$149, approx. \$3 per student going to Arizona, a pretty good result that will help pay for the trip t-shirts. Thank you to all who came out and participated.

▪ **Ruby Tuesday's** - March 5-7

This event will be over 3 days, anytime during those days. Chorus will get 20% of the dining check proceeds. Please note that coupons cannot be used to pay for the check when participating in this fundraiser. Mr. Edel has copies of the flyer that must be presented to Ruby Tuesdays; the flyer will also be posted online. Mr. Edel will check if patrons can use their iPhones to show the flyer, or if only paper copies are accepted.

▪ **Mixed Bag Fundraiser** - through February 18

There is a large selection of products in this catalog. All chorus students are asked to participate in this fundraiser. Each chorus student is asked to sell at least 5 items. All items arrive pre-sorted per student seller. 50% of sales go to chorus. The top 2 sellers will get lunch with Mr. Edel.

▪ **Yankee Candle Fundraiser** –February 25-March 11.

All chorus students are asked to participate in this fundraiser. 40% of sales go to chorus.

Breez'

Breez' (along with band) will perform at the Citrus County Fair on Tuesday, March 26 at 5:00pm.

S/E MPA Results

The Solo/Ensemble Music Performance Assessments (MPAs) was held at Westport High School in Ocala January 26th. The kids attending were great. All 4 groups attending (Chamber Choir, Category 5, Breez', Mansoons) received a Superior rating, as well as 2 soloists, and 1 duet, qualifying them for the S/E State competition.

The State competition is tentatively set for Monday, March 18th. Mr. Edel will need chaperones for this event.

Singing Valentines

Category 5 and Mansoons will be doing the annual Singing Valentines fundraiser on February 14th. Over 60 valentine's were sold, at \$5 each.

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Choral MPA

The Choral MPAs will be held at the First Baptist Church in Inverness, Friday, February 22, until about 9pm, and continuing Saturday, February 23, approximately 8am-3pm.

The CHS Chamber Choir and Concert Choirs will participate in this event, and are slated to perform Saturday, February 23, during the 10:30am-1:00pm block. Call time is 10:00am. NOTE to parents: All CHS choral participants MUST REMAIN in the auditorium until the block is over (approx. 1:00pm); disqualification of the group can occur if anyone leaves prematurely.

CHS Chorus will be the host. Since we are hosting, we request everyone to take the utmost consideration of others. Please keep cell phones and children, if in attendance, quiet. Please do NOT enter or exit the auditorium during a performance.

Tri-M students will assist at the event. Mrs. Harrison has volunteered to chaperone both days to oversee Tri-M students and however else needed. Mrs. Brannock will also help with concessions. Chaperones are also needed Saturday during the CHS performance block – approximately 10:30am-1:00pm. The following have volunteered:

Mrs. Mosley, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Dickinson, and Mrs. Williams

We will be selling concessions throughout the day, Tri-M will handle this. Concessions will include:

Donuts, coffee and juice for Saturday morning

Pizza (\$2), hot dogs (\$2), chips, sodas, water, cookies Friday and Saturday from lunch time on

Candy and drinks throughout both days

If either or both CHS choral groups receive a Superior rating, they will be eligible to advance to the State competition, which will be held on a different date this year than the S/E State MPAs. Two possible options are the Central State event in Lakeland 4/25-4/27 or the North State event in Jacksonville 5/2-5/4.

Chorus Picture Day

Chorus photos will be on March 12th. North American Photographers will be the vendor this year. Some issues that came up with the previous vendor necessitated the change.

Unfortunately, chorus gets no revenue from this year's vendor. If anyone has not received last year's pictures, please let Mr. Edel know ASAP.

Chorus/Band Spaghetti Dinner/Dance

This event is scheduled for Friday, March 1st at the school cafeteria. Chorus and Band will host it and split the profits. The dinner will include entertainment and the opportunity for dancing. Tickets will be \$10 per person, \$15 per couple.

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Methodist Church Concert

The Methodist Church has asked the chorus to perform. March 2nd had been scheduled for Breez', the State S/E soloists and duet, as well as the Jazz Band. The cost will be a donation to the church, at the door.

Arizona Trip

- Thirty-eight people are going on the trip, chaperones and students.
- Please check and keep up with the payment schedule, available on the chorus website.
- A separate meeting will be held for all attendees to discuss dress requirements, etc. Temperatures could climb into the triple digits, rain gear is also recommended. The amount of bags should be kept to a minimum, additional costs for baggage are dependent on the airline that we will fly on.
- Mr. Edel would like a banner made to display at the Arizona Diamondbacks game. It is expected that the chorus will sing the National Anthem at an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game. The date has not been determined.
- Rehearsal schedule to come for trip-goers.
- A possible concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church, as a dry-run or practice for participants in the trip.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the numerous fundraisers to help pare costs of their trip, in addition to continuing to solicit individual and business sponsors using the sponsorship letter (and receipt) available from the chorus website's Arizona trip page. Sponsorships may be tax deductible as long as the payment is made to the CHS Choral department.

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
- Debbie Pucillo – Chaperone Liaison
- Anna Mosley – Public Relations

The meeting ended at 7:45pm.

We hope to see you at the next meeting, which will be held on ***Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 7:00 PM*** in the Chorus Room.