

**CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2013**

The meeting began at 7:00pm. Mr. Edel with a handful of booster parents present.

CHS Chorus Website

Mr. Edel began the meeting by reviewing the chorus website and the information posted on its various pages. Of special note is the page containing information about the Arizona chorus trip in May/June.

The site can be found by entering the following address in your browser:

<http://citrushighchorus.webs.com/> OR

by going to the CHS home page, and clicking on the Chorus banner on the bottom left portion of the home page.

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; and the after-school rehearsal schedules.
- 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.

Florida Music Educator’s Association (FMEA) Event

Mr. Edel took 8 Tri-M students to this event, held in Tampa, January 9-11. This is also where the All-state choir event is held, however, no CHS students participated in the All-state choir this year.

The workshops included topics in leadership, musicianship, vendor sessions, concerts – vocal, instrumental, and even an iPad quintet. The attending students were great; all had a good time.

Holiday Concert Feedback

Mr. Edel sought feedback on the *Home for the Holidays* Concert to see if the format can be repeated next year.

- The concert was great.
- Friday night went better than Saturday night, at which technical and other issues came up.
- Dessert reviews were mixed, the cupcakes, though good, were too expensive.
- The cookies, mints, and peppermint bark were good.
- There was too much sweet stuff – need a salty dessert next time. Mrs. Williams suggested chocolate covered pretzels – an idea that was popular with most in attendance at tonight’s meeting.
- Drink service could have been better. The way the desserts were served was questioned. Mr. Edel suggested using band Tri-M members to help serve next year.

Thank you to Mr. Wyka for making the coffee!

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Breez'

Breez' will be performing at the Manatee Festival at 10am in the gazebo off 1st Avenue. Admission to the festival is \$3.00.

They will perform at the Citrus County Fair on Tuesday, March 26 at 5:00pm.

S/E MPA

The Solo/Ensemble Music Performance Assessments (MPAs) will be held at Westport High School in Ocala January 26th. Citrus chorus student performances begin at 9:00am and end at about 3:30pm. A total of about 40 students will be attending, including soloists, duets, and choral groups. The groups attending will be: Chamber Choir, Category 5, Breez', and the Mansoons. Parents are welcome to watch, there is no admission charge.

Students will go in two buses, one being the Breez' bus. The buses will leave at 7:30am from Citrus High School. Four chaperones are needed, the following people have volunteered, thank you:

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

Chaperones do not need to ride the bus(es).

Students and groups receiving a Superior rating advance to the State MPAs, date to be announced at a later time. Unlike previous years, this year's State MPAs for S/E versus Choral groups will be on separate dates.

NOTE to Seniors: songs from the S/E MPAs can be used for scholarship auditions.

Singing Valentines

Category 5 and Mansoons will be doing the annual Singing Valentines fundraiser on February 14th.

Chorus End of Course (EOC) Exam

May be implemented 2014-2015

Choral MPA

The Choral MPAs will again be held at the First Baptist Church in Inverness. It will be a two day event beginning Friday, February 22, after school until about 9pm, and continuing Saturday, February 23, approximately 8am-3pm.

The CHS Chamber Choir and Concert Choirs will participate in this event. Tri-M students will assist at the event. The groups have not been scheduled yet. Mr. Edel will request a Saturday date for Concert and Chamber choirs to avoid conflicts with the band MPAs.

CHS Chorus will be the host. Mr. Edel will need chaperones, especially during the time that CHS groups perform. The following have volunteered:

Mrs. Harrison – both days; CHS performance day: Mrs. Mosley, Mrs. Savage, and Mrs. Williams

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We will be able to sell concessions throughout the day, Tri-M will handle this, with oversight by an adult. Concessions discussed include:

- Donuts, coffee and juice for Saturday morning
- Pizza, hot dogs, chips, sodas, water, cookies for dinner Friday and lunch Saturday
- Snacks and drinks throughout the day

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.

Arizona Trip

The school board has officially OKed the summer trip to Arizona. Currently 45 people, including eight chaperones have signed up. A few additional students have expressed interest, bringing the total to 40 students, the desired number. The second installment of payments was due upon return from the Christmas holidays. A third payment is due by February 1st, **this is also the date that anyone wishing to go MUST sign up and catch up on payments by. \$350.00 in payments must be in each attendees account by this date.** Credits from previous fundraisers can be applied to monies due.

Mr. Edel will be soliciting corporate sponsors to help reduce the final payment a bit for each student. Students are encouraged 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, even if it is for an individual, is made to the CHS Choral department.

It is expected that the chorus will sing the National Anthem at an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game. The date will be determined once trip details are finalized.

Fundraising

Several fundraisers are planned to 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.

- **Mixed Bag Fundraiser** - going on now
This is the same fund raising company as 2 years ago, however the selections of products have greatly increased. 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.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser – starts February 25th

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

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▪ **Pancake Breakfast**

A pancake breakfast at Beef O’Brady’s is in the works to raise money for the Arizona trip. Students going on the trip are asked to assist with this event. Beef’s will provide the cooks and the pancakes. Chorus will provide servers, OJ, sausages, and the clean up assistance. Tickets will be sold in advance, \$5.00 per person, which includes a \$5 Beef’s coupon which can be used at a later time.

▪ **Other possible events**

Additional fund raisers including car washes, partnerships with restaurants for a share of the proceeds, and corporate sponsorships are all in the works to raise \$\$ for chorus and/or the Arizona trip. More details will be provided when available.

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:

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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 8:10pm.

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