

Choral Boosters Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021

- Present: Marci Sanchez, Duncan Cooper, Monica Ready, Tom Lewis, Jennifer Hartless, Carolina Weigers

- Administrator Updates:

Principal Ready joined the choir booster club meeting in order to review and discuss the changes to policies around fundraising. NVUSD has a long history of booster clubs raising money for our schools. These clubs have been very supportive of programs within the schools. However, changes now need to be implemented moving forward with respect to fundraising. Fundraising must follow the Ed code as well as board policy and the principal has a fiduciary responsibility with respect to the booster club.

Schools have been going through FCMAT training. The format that has been followed in the past for fundraising does not meet the new policies and guidelines. Moving forward there will no longer be individual accounts for students. Individual accounts have in the past been used for students to fundraise and accumulate money to pay for choir related trips . These individual accounts will now need to be dissolved and moved to the general fund. Students will no longer collect “points” or fundraise individually. No refunds will be able to be given from these accounts.

In future all fundraising will be done for the choir as a whole and all proceeds will be put into one general account to pay for all of the students at one time.

Questions and Concerns:

Communication of these changes needs to go out to the families that have individual accounts immediately. Maybe this information can also be sent in a message at the beginning of the year to the whole school or before the beginning of the year so that new choir families already understand the new policy.

The morale of most people is currently very low given the current state of world events, and a change of policy at this time in the middle of the year can be overwhelming and depressing for parents to absorb. There is a concern that upset parents will not support the choir and its fundraising efforts in the future. Some parents may seek out other venues or private choirs instead.

Could these funds from the individual accounts be used for scholarships?
Currently there are little funds in the choir account for scholarships.

Should the insurance money that parents paid to insure the trip to Germany be reimbursed?

What happens with the money that parents raised at the parking lot sale that was then put into the students individual accounts?

Can you have a field trip for just one group within the choir, such as a field trip for chamber choir only or concert choir only? Or will every field trip need to be all choirs combined? Yes, each individual choir is able to take separate field trips.

As we move forward with our new policy we will need to be very cognizant of our choices and plans for future field trips in order to make sure that they are within our fundraising ability.

\$14,000 is owed for the classified position. Due to an inability to fundraise this year during the pandemic, Napa High will be helping with the overall cost. Band \$4,800 Choir \$4,800 Napa High \$9,000

General Meeting:

- February minutes approved
- Director's Reports:

Phase 3 is going well. Students are following safety guidelines. They are developing abilities to edit videos. Choirs are able to sing outside socially distanced and in their small cohorts. It is wonderful to hear singing again at the school.

There is no new news for Vocal except that there is a discussion about trying to make Vocal Music Workshop a regular class within the school day.

There is ongoing work around program alignment from the middle schools.

Scholarship applications will be going out. There is little money in the scholarship fund, however, there is about \$3,000 that can be moved over to the scholarship funds to be used for scholarships for seniors this year.

The question was raised about what we, as the choir boosters, should do if we have no parents that are willing to be either the president or the treasurer for next year's booster club

- Treasurer Report:

- Fundraising:

The Dine and Donate at Chipotle earned \$350+
Pacific Empire Chorus donated \$100 to the choir program.
Amazon Smile has raised \$420.64 You are now able to designate your charity through the app.

The private label coffee fundraiser is up on the website. Should we ship the coffee or have a drop off at the school for parents to come pick up? Links to the fundraiser are on the website and flyers will go out on Parent Square. There will also be an advertisement on their own website as well as advertisement on social media.

- Other Business:

Fundraising Confirmations:

Woodshed- March 24
Mod Pizza- April 21
Hop Creek- May 19
Panera- June 2
Coffee Fundraiser

New Business:

Seniors: Looking ahead for our seniors that are graduating, is there something special that we will be doing to recognize them? They have gone through so much this year.

They will be doing a virtual recording of the Irish Blessing for graduation.
There will be the gold choir sash recognition for their graduation robes.
Will there be some kind of digital senior recognition or possibly awards?
After spring break we can look into what kind of recognition we can do for the seniors.

At our next meeting we need to vote on the reduction in cost for the classified position.

Next Choral Booster meeting: April 8, 2021 at 7:00pm