

## **NHS Chorus Booster Meeting Minutes**

Monday April 7, 2025

Attendees: Ms. Feazell, Julie Burrell, Debbie Cafarelli, Miranda Cook, Amber Milonas, Debbie Muschinski, Lisa Olson, and James Johnson

Chorus Booster member Ms. Milonas called the meeting to order at 6:02pm, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson

### **Director's Report – Catherine Feazell**

- MPA was held March 4<sup>th</sup>- All choirs performed well; Superior ratings abound.
- Spring has sprung! Performances are moving along, and the Disney trip was spectacular. A big thank you to all those that chaperoned.
- Ms. Feazell is excited about the upcoming Composer's Concert on **April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Admission is free, accepting donations for new risers. A string quartet will accompany the performances, which will be professionally recorded.
- Ode to Joy- Beethoven concert- Saturday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>** at Mattie Kelly Art Center. A reminder that all tickets must be reserved by Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming Jazz Girlz/Barbershop Boys concert- Tuesday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** at NHS.
- Spring concert, Thursday **May 8<sup>th</sup>** at Rocky Bayou Baptist Church.
- Art Signing Day- Tuesday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm at NHS.
- Additions will begin April 28<sup>th</sup> for all returning students. New chorus student auditions will begin May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Callbacks for Opus, Jazz Girlz and Barbershop Boys to follow. A reminder to share information with all students interested in chorus, including rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders and current NHS students. Audition requirements are available here: <https://nicevillechorus.com>
- Riser update- Ms. Feazell provided estimates from Wenger- \$23200 and StageRight-\$16803. After remeasuring, 7 sets are needed. There is slight (\$200 difference) if the risers are ordered in two orders versus one order. Delivery time is 30-45 days. The group discussed ways to recoup cost through selling or scrapping of current risers. Ms. Feazell is more comfortable ordering in two waves to maintain fund balance. By purchasing 4 sets this spring and 3 additional sets in July, this will allow adequate funds to begin fall semester. There was a group consensus on purchasing risers.

### **President's Report – Sergio Cafarelli**

- Ms. Cafarelli acted as President's for tonight's meeting.
- Boosters will elect new president for 2025-2026 school year. To be discussed during agenda item- New Business.
- Ms. Cafarelli expressed the continued support from the Cafarelli family and expressed how much she enjoyed her time serving the chorus community.

### **Vice President's Report – James Johnson**

- Mr. Johnson shared spirit night type fundraiser offered by local furniture store. Furniture Direct in Fort Walton Beach is willing to donate 10% of sale proceeds when chorus flyer is shown. The chorus or Furniture Direct would create a flyer; and the chorus would distribute the flyer while promoting the spirit event. The group discussed logistics including which days/weekends would

best maximize this opportunity. As fundraising falls under Vice President duties, Ms. Cafarelli asked Mr. Johnson to follow up and hold for first meeting next year.

#### **Secretary's Report – Miranda Cook**

- Ms. Cook requested approval of the minutes from the February 2025 meeting. Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes as written, with a second from Ms. Muschinski; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Cook will remain secretary for the 2025-2026 school year.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Julie Burrell (Please review financial report for more details.)**

- Ms. Burrell reported that the NHS Chorus account balance as \$63,232.59 at the end of March. Expenses included venue costs, accompanist, sheet music, programs, etc.
- Ms. Burrell reviewed reports, which were mostly trips and a few scattered expenses.
- Net income this school year is about \$13,000. This is largely in part to generous donations and timely fee payments.
- Please see attached financial reports from Ms. Burrell for further details; the financial report is also available on nicevillechorus.com. If anyone has questions regarding the financial report, please contact Ms. Burrell via email at [nhschorust@aol.com](mailto:nhschorust@aol.com).

#### **Chaperone Chairs' Report – Amber Milonas and Lisa Olson**

- All Beethoven chaperone needs are filled. Ms. Olson will send new sign up for upcoming concerts. Final email will address for spring concert needs.

#### **Uniform Chair's Report – Shannon Yerkes**

- Ms. Yerkes was unable to attend, but Ms. Feazell reports all is well.

#### **New business - All**

- Nominations taken for President and Co-chaperone chair (Ms. Olson will remain co-chaperone chair)- Ms. Olson nominated Brian Barker, who was not present.
- Ms. Muschinski was nominated by both Ms. Olson and Ms. Milonas. No other persons were nominated. Ms. Muschinski accepted the nomination. She was unanimously selected as co-chaperone chair for year 2025-2026.
- Ms. Feazell asked about a new spirit night coordinator. Ms. Feazell will work in this capacity for the time being she would like a new choral parent in the position. She has outlined several businesses to participate for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Cook mentioned a Bluewater business option to reach that area as well.
- Ms. Feazell mentioned a chorus magnet with concert and other important dates like spirit nights and major happenings. The group discussed some design items like color coding and possible audience. Ms. Feazell will price magnet options.
- Florida Seal of Fine Arts- 2025 graduates are eligible to apply. The seal is a product of continued efforts to recognize fine art students in Florida. Next steps include acceleration points for band and choral students. Ms. Olson provided a brief explanation about acceleration points. She will keep us abreast of amendment/law changes as well as ways to help through email or phone contacts to current legislators.
- Ms. Muschinski mentioned QR codes and a possible card reader for donations at choral events. Ms. Feazell will speak to other area directors as well as school finance for more details. Currently school district utilizes Schoolcash online for payment.

- Ms. Cook asked about increasing Booster club participation. Discussion points include direct asking, specific tasks, Booster talk at back to school and reminding parents via email or REMIND before Monday meeting. Ms. Cook mentioned that parents might not be aware that booster membership is completely free as opposed to cost incurring sports boosters. Mr. Johnson mentioned gathering committee member interest during the back fo school concert. A booster table of sorts was also mentioned. Ms. Feazell mentioned that September and spring trip meeting are most attended. The group discussed a booster Q&A during those meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Milonas and seconded by Ms. Cook. The meeting adjourned at 706PM. This is the final meeting of the 2024-2025 school year.