

## **PHS Choir Booster Board Meeting Minutes**

(In conjunction with Freshman Floats event)

August 5, 2024

6:30 PHS Choir Room

Minutes prepared by Debbie Walton, Secretary

**Board Members in attendance:** Mr. Kessler, Ms. Vondette, Rebekah White, Naletta Galbraith, Debbie Walton, Priscilla Cavazos, Ashley White, Christy Guenther, Sara Johnson, Laura Harrington, Kristi Duplichen, Karleigh Homburg, Cynthia Dague, Dorinne Hammons

**Adult Guests in attendance:** Matisha Banks, Anita Perez, Valerie Vargas, Devin Kern John Hegarty, Lissa Van Riper, Jeannie Ferrington, Kristal Nutt, Jennifer Martinez, Jesus Martinez, Jamie Giles, Andrea Clark, Stephanie Lominac, Kelcey Davis, Heather Houston, Alpa Patel, Beth Liggett, Christina Garcia, Todd McGuire, Tia Youngblood, Travis Youngblood, Tim Bartlett

**Call to Order:** Rebekah called the meeting to order at 6:41

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 26, 2024 meeting were passed out to board members and were also sent electronically. Ashley White motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Sara Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### **Council Report – Karleigh Homburg, Choir Council President**

Ms. Vondette explained that Choir Council are student leaders in the choir that plan & carry out choir events for choir members. They have worked hard this summer preparing for this school year, especially planning for the Welcome Party. Present Council members were introduced.

### **President’s Report – Rebekah White**

Rebekah welcomed and thanked all for their attendance. A “one-pager” was available for members and guests with this year’s booster meeting dates and other important information. Rebekah also informed parents of need to receive authorization to volunteer via PISD’s website. Link is on our choir booster website: [pearlandhighschoolchoir.com](http://pearlandhighschoolchoir.com).

### **Director’s Report-Mr. Kessler & Ms. Vondette**

Mr. Kessler and Ms. Vondette welcomed all and introduced selves to Freshman parents. Mr. Kessler encouraged parents not to be overwhelmed with the choir’s calendar and need for volunteers. He expressed how important volunteer participation is to the success of our events.

Mr. Kessler explained the use of the BAND app for student information/events/choir announcements and the GROUP ME app for booster club communication. Mr. Kessler also encouraged parents to join the booster club and Ms. Vondette shared the benefits of being

a booster member. Rebekah reiterated that we have many volunteer opportunities throughout the school year.

Mr. Kessler reviewed each choir performance throughout the year, explained voice lessons and choir supplies.

#### **Vice President – Naletta Galbraith**

Naletta shared date for the Vertical Fundraiser (August 20) and the Car Wash (September 14). Ms. Vondette informed parents that the choir fee of \$40 could be covered by selling 4 car wash tickets. Ms. Vondette also shared that fundraisers support multiple events that benefit our students, beyond the Choir fee coverage. The Lock-In was used as an example.

#### **Treasurer – Priscilla Cavazos**

Priscilla presented passed out the budget to members and made changes to the budgeted amount for Food for All State – Area and Food for All State – Region (switched amounts) before it was voted on & approved. Laura Harrington motioned to approve the budget with the changes. Debbie Walton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **Secretary – Debbie Walton**

An attendance/sign-in sheet was circulated amongst the attendees.

#### **Committee Chair Reports:**

##### Community Service – Tanya Eble

Rebekah informed parents of toilet paper drive at the Welcome Party.

##### Concessions – Sara Johnson

Sara was introduced by Rebekah.

##### Merchandise – Aimee Mittelsted

Merchandise was available to purchase at the meeting and will be for sale at the Kick-off Concert as well.

##### Uniforms – Cynthia Dague

Cynthia was introduced by Rebekah

##### Fan Grams – Kathryn Alamia

Laura Harrington spoke on Kathryn's behalf. Laura explained fan grams as well as the availability of flowers to purchase at events.

##### Kantorei-Laura Harrington

Laura explained what Kantorei is and briefly shared about their community concert season.

#### Membership-Christy Guenther

Christy Guenther encouraged parents to join booster, explained the sign-up process and availability of various membership levels.

#### Musical Liason – Kathryn Alamia & Sara Johnson

Sara briefly explained the partnership with theatre. Ms. Vondette informed of this year's musical, Catch Me if You Can.

#### Publicity – Kristi Duplichen

Kristi provided names of the two separate Facebook pages:

Public Page is Pearland High School Choir Under Kessler

Private Page is Choir at Pearland High School

Instagram: Pearland High School Choir

(Links on choir website)

Ms. Vondette referenced the BAND app and Mr. Kessler informed parents will send emails with choir information, in addition to BAND/social media feeds. Laura Harrington shared that all flyers for events will be on the website.

#### Senior Recognition – Rebecca Aronson/Kristal Caceras

Laura spoke on behalf of the Senior Recognition coordinators. Gift bags are given to our 4-year choir members at performances/events that all PHS choirs are involved.

#### Scholarships -Tanya Eble & Ashley White

Various scholarships were referenced.

#### Spirit Nights-Ashley White

Choir spirit nights will be held at various establishments throughout the year.

#### Sponsorships-Rebecca Aronson

#### Webmaster -Laura Harrington

Laura encouraged anyone with website/webmaster experience or a desire to learn about it to consider replacing her as webmaster.

#### Special Events Note:

Naletta briefly explained Dinner Show Auction (DSA) and basket contributions. Ms. Vondette encouraged parents to purchase tickets to Broadway Nights' and Pop Show's DSA's, as they provide more opportunities for students to perform.

Rebekah reviewed Special Events coordinators as well as committees still needing coordinators:

Freshman Floats – Sara Johnson

Lock-In-Rebecca Aronson

Market Days- Rebecca Aronson  
Oiler Fest- OPENING for Coordinator  
Region/UIIL Food -OPENING for Coordinator  
Welcome Party-OPENING for Coordinator

Meeting adjourned at 7:25