

Choir Boosters Meeting
March 15, 2004

Members present: Aaron Olson, Gail Peters, Cynthia Overson, Craig & Linda Stanton, Kristie Niebeling, Colleen Slice, Tina Brown, Barbara Bostic, Chuck Larsen.

Also present was Andrew Hasty, student teacher.

Meeting was called to order by Linda Stanton, Vice President at 6:30pm.

Secretary's report was presented; motion was made by Craig S. to approve February meeting minutes, and seconded by Barbara B. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Tina Brown. Tina was asked to meet with the finance committee before our next meeting to work out line item details. Tina drew our attention to the Little Caesar's money's not being broken down under the Choir section. She has not delineated between money to go in kids accounts vs. booster money yet. She also reported that we have received \$500 from the St. Boni Lion's, and the \$1000 expected to be received from the Waconia Fire Department has not yet come in. Question was asked in an e-mail by Theresa regarding the June 2003 to February 2004 finance report. She wanted to know where money's prior to June 2003 were being recorded. Tina B. said that this money was put into prepaid, and was then accrued to be posted into correct accounts within the June 2003-February 2004 statement. Linda S. asked where we are with getting an audit done on our books. It was suggested that Tina B. has a checks and balances system in place with a member of the finance committee. It was requested by the group that we still seek an outside audit in the near future. Motion was made by Craig S. to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Colleen S. Motion passed.

Spectacular update was given by Chuck Larsen. Chuck says that all is going well. Jean K. and Barbara B. have all volunteer spots filled. Pre-ticket sales are currently lower than at this time last year. Aaron O. said that the Patriot article was a disappointment, and that he will call Keith Anderson to see if something can be run this week. The program went to the printer this morning. Jean K. and Chuck L. are taking care of snacks, and Chuck will buy some bottled water to sell at intermission. Cynthia O. has flower ordering well in hand. Aaron O. will have the PC members put flyers around town, and Linda S. said that she would design these for him. Aaron will also get something mentioned in the announcements at school. Aaron is sending the volunteer schedules to Jack Ramm to place on the web site.

Nashville trip update was given by Aaron Olson. Aaron says that we can't get into the hotel until 3:00pm, and this was why we were leaving in the evening on March 24th. He brought up that he was thinking of leaving in the afternoon that day instead, so that they would arrive in Nashville around 8:00am in the morning and be able to do some sightseeing before checking into the hotel. Jean K. had gotten some information on Nashville sites from the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. Aaron suggested that he would take the members to a free admission fort, and then spend some time in a park

relaxing and playing. It was decided that he would like to load at 4:30pm, and leave at 5:00pm. All payments (including activity fee) must be current before trip, or people unpaid will not be allowed on the bus. Question was asked about how many meals the members will be responsible for. Aaron O. said that the only meal provided will be the Saturday night dinner at the Wild Horse Saloon. PC members should bring enough money to cover meals from Thursday morning, until Sunday night (11 meals total). Aaron said that the buses should be returning to Waconia around 11:00pm on Sunday night.

Banquet update was given by Linda Stanton. She said that everything is going smoothly. She invited Greg Ecklund (sound and lights man) to the banquet. Everyone is doing their thing, and she has a good group working on the banquet. Gail P. said that she is busy getting the senior book completed. An announcement regarding going up for seconds will be made by Aaron O. so that everyone present gets through the line at least once.

An update on the proposed hosting of a competition was given by Aaron Olson. The date he would like to do this competition would be January 15, 2005. Aaron had gathered information from Hastings and Milton, and brought the figures to the meeting. Craig S. said that he talked with the Sioux City director and got positive feedback on doing a competition here. Aaron said that this is the time to do it, so that we can have a date locked up for the future, and because he believes we have a large group of parents that will get involved and help make this a success. It was noted that this competition would replace the ACDA Star of the North. Cynthia O. said she would like to play devil's advocate, and asked the question, "What if we finish out this year with a deficit of several thousand dollars, put out several thousand more for the proposed competition, and we get a snow storm and have to cancel? Aaron O. had looked into this possibility, and discovered that insurance can be bought for 5% of the total amount purchased to cover just such an emergency. Example – if we buy \$15,000 dollars worth of insurance, we pay \$750. In the event of a cancellation, we would receive the entire \$15,000 to cover any expenses we had previously accrued. We would need an independent weather advisor to verify this with the insurance company. Chuck L. made a motion to commit to doing an insured competition next year, with the condition that we have dates that work for the school calendar. Motion was seconded by Tina B. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Cynthia O. to adjourn, seconded by Chuck L. Motion passed.