

Waconia Choir Boosters
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2004

Board Members Present: Scott Stole, Cynthia Overson, Marilyn Laulainen, Audrey Wessale, Joan Iacona, Jack Ramm, Kristie Niebeling, Susan Morimoto, Colleen Slice, Chuck Larsen, Craig Stanton, Linda Stanton, Susan Stubson.

Also present; Aaron Olson, Director and Scott Smith, Booster member

Board Members Absent: Gail Peters, Tina Brown, Becky Neubauer and Jean Krukowski.

Linda Stanton, President, opened meeting at 6:30pm.

Minutes of Octobers meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurers Report: Scott reported that our accounts receivable are nearly current with only 6 individual Power Company fees outstanding. Bills are being paid in a timely fashion and there were no individual items to review. We discussed the desire for a simple report that could be used for decision making at our meetings. Keith Peters of the finance committee is seeking assistance on an appropriate format for a report and will get information prior to December's meeting. For the most part it was agreed that a formal report is not necessary at our board meetings as long as Scott is tracking to the budget and there are no unexpected expenses or over budget situations. In such cases Scott will alert the board and those items will be discussed.

Keith Peters is also continuing the exploration to complete our 501(c)3 filing.

There was discussion regarding the inclusion of the Clearwater show choir to the booster organization. Aaron felt that the boosters would simply be a "custodian of the funds" but additional discussion took place regarding Jen Gulsvig's involvement with the boosters and the accounting implications. Scott Stole and Linda Stanton will meet with Jen Gulsvig to discuss this further.

Scott also reported on the finance committees' review of the scholarship proposal. The committee will bring a formal recommendation to the next meeting of how the scholarships are to be funded through dormant accounts, donations and the Ron Larson fund. It was discussed and agreed, by the members present, that for the 2004-2005 season we will provide funding for Priorities 1-3 of the scholarship recommendation as previously submitted. Because this proposal was made after the budget was approved it was agreed that we could not increase our expenses in that area until the next budgeting cycle.

Old Business:

Star Power Update: Linda Stanton reported on the progress of the committee and the information to date regarding participating groups. We now have all 17 slots filled with two choirs on the waiting list. Payments are in from all but 2 schools.

Web Site – Susan Morimoto reported that progress is being made with the group and Mike Erickson. Due to time issues we agreed to wait until the December meeting to discuss further.

Fund Raising Updates – Clubs Choice: Scott reported that approximately \$14,000.00 was entered as income from this fundraiser. He was unsure on the percentage that each student should receive and the percentage that goes into the general fund. Those numbers will be looked into and sent to Scott so he can complete the data entry of the student accounts. Aaron reported that the middle school did the majority of the selling.

Fan Ware – Gail Peters was not present but Linda Stanton will contact her to be sure that the information is distributed soon in order to get the fan ware delivered prior to our first competition.

Power Company – Craig Stanton reported on the status of props. The Blue Man masks, streamers and acrylic cubes have been ordered. The risers are built and ready to paint. The PVC instruments are almost complete (1 finished, 1 close to being finished).

New Business:

Aaron addressed the Board regarding the addition of a JV show choir. According to Aaron, some of the reasons for adding this group are:

- 1) Good interest from students, especially younger students
- 2) We are the only MN school without a JV group
- 3) Kids coming from the Clearwater show choir that don't make Power Company do not have another option

Some of Aaron's thoughts to date are:

- 1) To hire a director
- 2) Fees would be approximately \$150 per student
- 3) Would be approximately 30 kids, grades 9-12
- 4) Costumes would be the biggest obstacle

Aaron requested \$1000 from the boosters to fund this organization for this school year. After much discussion Marilyn Laulainen made a motion that "the choir boosters support the formation of a JV show choir group, realizing that the group will be self-supporting with student fees for 2004-2005." Chuck Larsen seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to accept the motion and not fund a JV group as requested.

The issue of non-agenda items was raised and discussed. It was agreed by all that any item requiring a decision or vote must be on the agenda or it will not be addressed until a future meeting. Research will be done to determine if there is an existing policy in place. If not, a formal motion will be made at the December meeting to formalize the process.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held December 6th at 6:30pm in the Waconia High School Choir Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stanton, President