

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting
Ankeny Choral Music Parent Organization (ACMPO)

Jan 7, 2024

Ankeny High School Conference Room, Ankeny, Iowa 50021
Vice President Amber Gustafson called the ACMPO Board Meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Megan Albaugh	Lori Bullock	Amber Gustafson
Tara Andersen	Andrea Dencklau	Rachel Huegel
Amanda Bellis	Lindsay Drew	Angela Rush
Jon Bellis	Amanda Flotho	Kurt VanThomme
		Val Vizza

Not in attendance: Josh Skow

Non-voting members in attendance:

Ben Walters, Choral Director, AHS
Adam Brown, Assistant Choral Director, AHS

Non-voting members not in attendance:

Jill Bjorklund, Treble Clef Choir Director, Southview Middle School
Nick Oswald, Bass Clef Choir Director, Southview Middle School
Emma Feldhans, Treble Clef Choir Director, Parkview Middle School
Karlee Nelson, Bass Clef Choir Director, Parkview Middle School

Approval of minutes from Dec 3, 2024 meeting - Amber

- Motion from Rachel to approve minutes, 2nd from Lori; Approved.

Update from Vocal Music Directors

Ben Walters & Adam Brown:

- Julefest was a big success, thanks to all the parents for the hard work
- Winter camp was successful
- Lots of work has been put in for show choir, ready for fun part of the season!
- Drum set is pretty and has all the right pieces!
- Discussion about food for bus after competitions

Treasurer Report - Megan

- Budget spreadsheet review
 - All State lunch came from volunteer budget - is that appropriate?
 - Move to high school budget line
 - Treasurer - will spend full budget, still have to pay quick books
 - Transportation - will not need all money, will need \$2500
 - Lowered mileage rate on negotiations this year
 - Stage equipment - have \$500 left to spend
 - Spirit wear - no further expenses, will have \$\$ coming in
 - Southview - Have \$886 remaining, don't think they will spend it all
 - Will pay \$184 for pizza
 - Parkview - still have SCICDA dinner
 - Julefest - spent <\$500
 - High school - maxed out already
 - Fundraising - still have \$3475 left to spend
 - Apparel - almost done with spending except for dry cleaning (~\$500)
- Checking \$10,741
- Savings \$2000
- Worst case scenario ~\$5000 to spare (doesn't include spirit wear and future fundraising)
- In summary, we are still in good shape, but may not have grant funds to give to AHS

Communications Report - Rachel

- Nothing new

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Julefest - Megan/Kurt

- Big success, thanks for all the help
- Megan plans to step down next year
 - So hard to get volunteers for food
 - Should we get rid of the food next year?
 - Or should we just do drinks?
- Next year encourage parents of freshmen to register to volunteer at high school so they can be involved
- Set up good timeline spreadsheets and updated photos for next year
- Having poinsettias from one place was great because they looked more uniform
 - No need to cap at 18 for donations next year

Costume/Apparel - Amanda

- Grateful for all the help with sewing and fixing
- New racks are lovely

Sponsors/Special Events/Fundraising - Amber/Lindsay

- Spirit wear
 - Reports from Raygun - will get \$3000
 - One more push on social media - "time is running out"
- Fundraising
 - Raised \$26k YTD
 - Over halfway toward our goal, but slowing down
 - Market
 - See full report - issues with tip jar, competing with market for tips, and lack of getting the credit card receipts (go to market)
 - May go cashless next year, may be able to log into square to get tips or divide credit card tips equally
 - Has future potential
 - Other than beverage certification, just need to show up
 - No cost, no planning work
 - February change challenge
 - March 4th spring raffle kickoff
 - Broadway vs Nashville?
 - Social media vote with options
 - Will try to get feedback from last year's winner
 - Candy bouquets, flowers and shout outs at spring show
 - Can sell 4x as many this year!
 - Need candy bouquet committee
 - Presale shout outs that are projected before show instead
 - State large group concessions
 - Projected spring revenue ~\$11,800
 - \$13,000 shortfall of goal
 - \$50k was somewhat arbitrary
 - Do we need to consider a summer fundraiser?
 - Reassess after spring show

Stage equipment and transportation - Jon

- Huge shoutout to Rachel, mountains look amazing
- 95% of the way done with stage
- Will take 51 people to get VA stage set in timely fashion
 - PM TBs have been voluntold that they are helping
- Transportation is lined up and ready to roll

Volunteers - Andrea

- Will send sign up for snacks
- Volunteer form at end of year - would like to change a little

Senior Recognition - Val

- Senior banners - \$900 for 50 seniors, so probably \$1200 total
 - Ask parents for \$25 donation
- Will start reminding seniors to make the boards

Southview - Lori

- Dynamite preview night (jointly with Northview Ignition) this Friday
- Will be taking Dynamite donations

Parkview - Tara

- Nothing new

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

- Contact through Jason Gerth, chair for Iowa Alliance for Arts Education
 - Umbrella advocacy organization (with paid lobbyist)
 - Mentorship for new teachers
 - Federal and state advocacy for arts programs
 - Local advocacy with school boards
 - 1 year membership \$100 as group, individuals \$50
 - Can get involved with advocacy as parents

Motion from Lori to adjourn meeting at 7:54; 2nd from Jon; Approved.

The next meeting will be held at the Conference Room at AHS on Feb 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Tara Andersen