

JOHNSTON VOCAL PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Promoting Excellence in our Educational Music Programs

Monday August 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Johnston High School atrium (outside the auditorium)

In attendance:

Michelle Polder, Toni White, Mike Herrmann, Jen Herrmann, Brooke Ruddy, Jyll Miner, Andrea Hodapp, JoLynn Yeutsy, Hannah Rylan, Julie Hendrickson, Emily Battani, Missy Winterboer, Andy Vis, Mindy Webb Todd, Chris Anderson

Call to Order & Welcome: Jenny Lashier & Patrick Mattingly

Jenny explained that she and Brooke Ruddy will be co-presidents next year. A new process will be in place to ensure that each year one new and one experienced president will serve.

Approval of Minutes from May 2021: Toni White

Motion - Andrea Hodapp; Second - Andy Vis

Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Mindy Todd

- Financial Update
 - o Mindy explained the VPA budget, noting that the organization is a non-profit and separate from school funds. Requests are higher this year in the past, due to many cancellations of events that typically bring in funds. Directors shared the top priority expenses.
- Approve 2021-2022 Budget
 - o Motion to withhold \$11,000 of requested funds at this time, noting that additional funds could be requested if necessary throughout the year.
 - Motion: Andy Vis; Second: Michelle Polder
 - Motion Approved

Directors' Reports:

- Hannah Ryan: Cantus members have been participating in All-State camps. Synergy had a kick off night in July and has started rehearsals.
- Laura Grimm: Innovation has kicked off and had choreography sessions on the books.
- Emily Battani: Looking forward to a great year with a new director. Kick Off meeting and Choreography are scheduled
- Julie Hendrickson: Summit is excited to be more involved with VPA this year. Opus training sessions were conducted during the summer to aid in student preparation.

Committee Reports:

- Madrigal - Andrea Hodapp:
 - o Madrigal is looking for volunteers. Committee members and potential future leaders are urged to contact Andrea. The event is set for 12/1-12/2 2021 at JHS. Tickets will be

sold and the community is welcome. The move to JHS last year was successful and the auditorium provides a higher capacity.

- Showzam - Mike & Jen Herrmann:
 - o All committee leader volunteers are in place. Each committee member has been tasked with creating a list of responsibilities to aid future volunteers. The committee has approved the proposed event budget and a committee kick off meeting is set for 9/9/21.
- Fundraising - Michelle Polder:
 - o Anyone looking to lead fundraising efforts in the future should get in touch with Michelle in order to shadow her efforts this year. Flag sales are going on. Yard sign sales were a success and will be delivered at directors. The show choir picnic was not only a spirit building event, but may also bring in some funds, although not intended to do so. Encore cards will not be a fundraiser this year, as the coordinator has retired. Currently searching for an additional fundraiser to replace that event. Last year's POP 30 event was could be held again to replace those funds. The idea of singing telegrams is still being entertained, although the legal and liability issues need further investigation.
- Communications - Brooke Ruddy:
 - o Website updates are occurring. The communication chair will now oversee social media for VPA. Choir rep parents will be made editors on the VPA Facebook page so they can add competition photos, etc. In addition, the communication chair will send out meeting information to directors to be shared with parents.
- Presidents' Report: Jenny Lashier & Patrick Mattingly
 - o They met several times this summer and have met with each director. Thank you to all of the volunteers that may VPA a success!

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Chairs to fill:
 - o End of Year Show - Needs to be a Junior parent. They will have a committee to assist with planning
 - o Transportation - Need to coordinate trucks/trailers for all out of town events. At least 3-6 drivers are needed per event. Must provide own vehicle for pulling.
 - o Crew Parents - able to set and remove risers and load equipment as needed
 - o Choir chairs
 - Inno Rep - filled
 - Synergy Rep - filled
 - Bella Voce Rep - filled
 - Sound Advice Rep
 - Impact Rep

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 15, 2021 5:30 p.m. JHS atrium

Adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Motion - Mindy Webb Todd; Second - Brooke Ruddy

