

JOHNSTON VOCAL PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Promoting Excellence in our Educational Music Programs

Monday, November 15, 2021; 5:30 p.m.

Johnston High School Atrium (outside the auditorium)

In attendance:

Michelle Polder, Toni White, Mike Herrmann, Jen Herrmann, Brooke Ruddy, Raedean Vandover, Patrick Mattingly, Jenny Lashier, Angela Gallagher, Andrea Hodapp, Hannah Rylan, Ahnalee Wiltfang, Missy Winterboer, Katie Mumm, Mindy Webb Todd, Chris Anderson, John Mills, Billi Plante

Call to Order & Welcome: Jenny Lashier & Patrick Mattingly

Motion to Accept Agenda and Open Meeting - Mindy Webb Todd

Second - Mike Herrmann

Approval of Minutes from August 2021: Toni White

Motion to Approve Minutes - Brooke Ruddy

Second - Missy Winterboer

Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Mindy Todd

- **Financial Update**

- o Mindy provided projections for end of year balance, both with and without additional fundraiser occurring.
- o Mindy shared that all ticket sale monies from events held on school property will be coming straight into the school's 21 account and not coming to VPA. This would include events like Madrigal and Showzam. Funds raised from concessions and the like will continue to come to VPA. The impact of this will be that the programs should be receiving additional funds directly from the school, so the volume of VPA requests may reduce in the future. The amount of money coming into the programs will be the same, it will just be processed differently.

Directors' Reports:

- **Hannah Ryan:** All State is coming up this weekend; Thursday - Saturday. Students will be having dinner together at ISU and enjoy activities with students from throughout the state. Show Choir preview show is next Monday night. They are busy with prep for Madrigal and Showzam.
- **Jorie O'Leary:** JMS kids are going to OPUS on Thursday. The Fall concerts were big success. Impact and Sound Advice will have a Parent Preview Show on 12/11/21.

Committee Reports:

- **Madrigal** - Andrea Hodapp:

- o Madrigal is looking for volunteers. Please sign up if you are able. The event will be held on 12/1 - 12/2. They are happy that it will be held in the JHS auditorium this year, much easier to load the show in and out. There will be a meal provided for all Senior students on Thursday night. Over 800 tickets have been sold at this point. Food costs have been minimal so they anticipate a large amount of revenue to be deposited into

the 21 account from ticket sales. Action Item: Michelle Polder to create a VPA Venmo code to be used at Madrigal and all future events for easy fundraising.

- **Showzam** - Mike & Jen Herrmann:
 - Working on bringing in some corporate sponsorship. They have scheduled upcoming meetings to discuss each aspect of the event. The schedule is looking fairly full, however, they could use a few more Middle School choirs for Friday night.
- **Fundraising** - Michelle Polder:
 - VPA will continue to hold fundraisers to ensure the ability to serve students for many years to come. Pop 30 is a large money maker and will be considered. If there are other ideas, please share with Michelle.
- **Communications** - Brooke Ruddy:
 - Website is updated and includes agendas and minutes for all meetings. It has also been updated to include information about Madrigal. Brooke will continue to communicate with Directors to ensure parents are aware of VPA meetings.
- **Presidents' Report:** Jenny Lashier & Patrick Mattingly
 - Thank you all for being involved and making VPA such a success. There are wonderfully committed leaders of each event and we are thankful you are here.

Old Business:

- **Chairs to fill:**
 - End of Year Show - Laura Whitelaw
 - Transportation - Mike Herrmann and Andy Vis

New Business:

- VPA Grant Inquiry for Private Vocal Lessons
 - At this time private vocal lessons are not required to participate in any Johnston choir. At this time VPA is committed to the projects that were already approved for funding. In the future, willing to consider a vocal lesson scholarship for a set amount of tie.
- Request to Fund Busses for 1/15/22 trip to Lincoln, NE
 - Additional funds are needed to provide charter busses for the Show Choir trip to Lincoln, NE in January 2022.
 - Motion: VPA will request a donation from families to cover the cost of transportation on charter busses. VPA will cover the difference in funds not raised, to ensure students are able to travel via charter. If excess money is raised, it will be used for funding additional VPA requests
 - Motion: Angela Gallagher
 - Second: Mike Herrmann
 - Motion Approved
- Future of VPA - Mission and Possible Bylaw Amendment to Include 6-7 grade vocal music programs
 - There are less students participating in vocal music than ever before. The hope is to reach younger students and foster a love for the Johnston Vocal Music Program. Many ways to reach out to younger students were discussed. At this time, it may be unneces-

sary to update the bylaws, but rather make a concerted effort to ensure 6-7 grade parents know about VPA and are invited to all meetings and events.

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 7th, 2022; 5:30 p.m. JHS Atrium

Adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Motion - Andrea Hodapp

Second - Patrick Mattingly