

JOHNSTON VOCAL PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Promoting Excellence in our Educational Music Programs

Monday, August 29, 2022; 5:00 p.m.

Johnston High School Atrium (outside the auditorium)

In attendance:

Katie Mumm, Shane Rourke, Andy Lashier, Jen James, Andrea Hodapp, Jen Dugan-Burns, Raedean VanDenover, Mike Hermann, Jen Hermann, Jenifer Maki, Julie Tutaj, Renea Barker, Allison Davis, Katie Robinson, Brooke Ruddy, Jenny Lashier, Tara Hartman, Leslie Lindeman, David Lindeman, Thor Hanson, Bel Hanson, Rachel Murdock, Billi Jo Plante, Brian O'Leary, Mindy Webb Todd Joy Bolar, Karen Henderson, Lynn Ross Cope, Toni White, Hannah Ryan, Laura Grimm, Jorie O'Leary

Call to Order & Welcome: Jenny Lashier & Brooke Ruddy

Approval of Minutes from May 2022: Toni White

Motion to Approve Minutes - Katie Mumm

Second - Brooke Ruddy

Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Mindy Todd

• **Financial Update**

- o Fundraising is up and running with flag and sign sales. VPA parents will also be asked to assist with concessions at the 10/14/22 football game. Pop30 may also return this school year.
- o Shane Rourke and Andy Lashier visited to discuss a potential partnership with the Band Parents Association to share a semi-trailer. Discussion was had regarding the logistics of sharing equipment, gas and drivers. They re currently working with local businesses to fund the project, as they hope to offer advertising opportunities. The trailer would need to be built out to safely transport both band and choir gear. There is a group of parents working on the logistics, as well as one focused on potential buildout solutions. The group determined that they supported ongoing investigation to the feasibility of the trailer.
- o Purpose of VPA is to support the mission of the Vocal Departments at both JHS and JMS. As to be expected, revenue has been reduced in recent years due to event changes based on Covid restrictions. Mindy presented the list of requests from JHS and JMS for the year. She also shared year end projections.
 - Motion to approve 2022 - 2023 budget: Mike Hermann
 - 2nd - Karen Henderson
 - Motion Approved

Directors' Reports:

- **Hannah Ryan & Laura Grimm:** All State preparation is in full swing. All Show Choirs are rehearsing and in choreo. Regular choir classes are up and running.

- **Jorie O’Leary:** JMS Show Choirs begin this week. Students are working on OPUS audition material.

Committee Reports:

- **Madrigal** - Andrea Hodapp & Jen Dugan-Burns:
 - o Madrigal is looking for volunteers/job shadows, as most leadership positions are currently held by senior parents. Roles include co-chair, costume shadows, 9th grade parent liaison. Please sign up if you are able. The event will be held on 11/30 - 12/1.
- **Showzam** - Mike & Jen Herrmann:
 - o They have 13 new committee members and are completely full. They will hold a kick off meeting 09/20/22. The sponsorship and advertising committees are already up and running. They are looking into the potential use of livestream ads as an additional source of income. They are also building the Showzam social media pages.
- **Communications** - Katie Mumm:
 - o Please share any information or social media content
- **Presidents’ Report:** Jenny Lashier & Brooke Ruddy
 - o The executive slate for the 2022-2023 school year is:
 - Co-Presidents: Jenny Lashier & Brooke Ruddy
 - Treasurer: Mindy Webb Todd
 - Secretary: Toni White
 - Communications Chair: Katie Mumm
 - Motion to approve the slate: Jen Dugan-Burns
 - 2nd: Mike Hermann
 - Motion Approved
 - VPA participated in the Booster Bash to help raise awareness of the organization. In addition, VPA representatives also spoke at the Impact kick off.
 - Volunteers are needed to assist in organizing the JHS choir costumes. This will be occurring shortly so that orders for additional items can be placed.
 - Fundraising is a crucial part of continuing the VPA mission. The team is looking for volunteers to assist in planning events and serving as the point person. Leslie Lindeman has volunteered.

Old Business:

- o Meal Reimbursement for Cantus at Iowa Choral Showcase on 4/6/22
- o Summer Kick Off Ice Cream Social
 - Both events were a success.

New Business:

- Parent Representatives for a few choirs are still needed. The directors will find those.
- Request to add Brooke and Mindy to the VPA bank account
 - Motion: Rachel Murdock
 - Second: Bel Hanson
 - Motion Approved

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 7th, 2022; 5:00 p.m. JHS Atrium

Adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

Motion - Jenny Lashier

Second - Brooke Ruddy