

MARCH 2, 2026

VOCAL ARTS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING MINUTES



1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:06PM
 - A. Approval/Changes to the agenda: motion – M. Clary; 2nd – L. Vassmer
 - B. Approval of last month's minutes: motion – S. Scott; 2nd M. Clary
 - C. Treasurer's Report: S. Scott – expenses out were for HS senior bags. Balance: \$11,143.64

2. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Banquet
 - i. May 14th. Band has commons the 7th so banquet will have to be May 14th.
 - ii. Decision to spilt MS & HS into 2 events due to size
 - iii. Cookies and punch for MS & dinner for HS
 1. *Times: 6pm & 7:30pm*
 2. *Ticket cost: MS free for cookie reception, HS \$15/ guest & \$7.50 for vocal members. HS seniors free. (Same prices as Last year)*
 - a. *Directors wanted to know why such high price?*
 - i. This cost is the same as past years. This event is NOT a fundraiser and boosters comes out breaking even most years at this cost. Ticket sales cover the cost of food, drinks, serving supplies, decorations. All additional expenses on the booster side of event end up covered by boosters: ex: director recognition & sr scholarships. Choir covers their side: ex: awards
 3. *Food: MS -cookies & punch. HS – Pasta? w/ water and Tea*
 - a. *Mr. B request to please have tea*
 - b. *Suggestions are nicer dinner this year than boxes*
 - i. Was asked what was wrong w/ box dinners. Discussion was over that there was nothing wrong with them, but suggestions from attendees of past banquets was to not have every year be food out of a box. Other than that suggestion it was brought up that the banquets were good as long as we could fit everyone around tables and avoid European seating at long lunch tables. (Hence need for new arrangements: cut MS, 2 separate events, or new location)
 - ii. Boosters is looking into Olive Garden or Luigi's

4. *Tix will go on sale last week of April. Will be sold through the booster website. Choir directors will not need to handle any sales or balance payment receipts this way.*
5. *Cost of banquet is covered by ticket sales and overages & extras are paid for by booster club*

B. Booster Donation to Musical

- i. Boosters voted to give \$1,000 to musical to help with any expenses
 1. *This money is being given in the form of a check to the directors and can be used in any method for the musical. Directors know best what needs to be purchased and where money is needed.*
- ii. Asking for ad in playbill for Boosters in appreciation for the donation. Just something simple that would put the booster name out to the crowd and possible bring in more interest and help for the club.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Booster fundraisers

- i. Cards on Broadway MARCH 13TH
 1. *Concessions @ Cards on Broadway*
 2. *Flowers @ Cards on Broadway*
 - a. *We have done these in the past. Mr. B will run it by the kids coordinating the event to see if they would like it done again.*
- ii. Musical APRIL 17, 18, 19th
 1. *Concession @ Musical*
 - a. *Yes. We will do concession and flowers again*

B. Budgeting for upcoming expenses

- i. As we get close to the end of the year we need to budget correctly and make decisions on what we can help while keeping the mandatory end of year balance in consideration.
 1. *Up front cost of upcoming fundraisers (listed above)*
 2. *Flowers for seniors @ spring concert*
 3. *Banquet – exact #s for this TBD as plans get made*
 4. *Scholarships – Boosters offers a scholarship program for Sr. It is a max \$250. We have 4 seniors this year.*
 5. *End of year balance – bylaws require a \$1,500 min to help cover startup expenses in the fall*
 6. *Homecoming 2026 – This will cost \$1,000+*
 7. *26-27 choir trip ?? – Mr. B says, yes, hopefully there will be. No info at this time.*
 8. *Anything else ____ No one could think off hand of newer expenses_____*

4. OPEN FLOOR

- A. Suggestion for future fundraising made to have a bingo night next year
- B. Upcoming Fundraisers – Vocal Arts has some upcoming fundraising the directors would like to get the word out about
 - i. March 14th – Catfish Dinner & Karaoke w/ the Mason’s
 - 1. *Location: VA building in Cville*
 - 2. *Price: \$15 per person*
 - ii. April 23rd – Mazzio’s Pizza Night
 - 1. *Mention the vocal arts with your order and a % of sale will go to program*
- C. Mrs. Shilling has wants
 - i. 6th grade pizza/ drinks for March 12th
 - 1. *She has a 6th grade choir contest happening and is walking the kids to the FBC church in cville for a mock contest. She would like for the kids to have lunch brought in for them so they can experience the treatment like older kids get. She says event was on calendar given to Wilson parents at the beginning of the year so she thought boosters would cover it.*
 - a. *Boosters will cover food for practice day*
 - b. *Pizza from Mazzio’s – J. Oder will pick up prepaid pizza order*
 - c. *Water bottles – Mrs. Shilling will pick drinks up from Walmart and booster will reimburse her for the expense*
 - ii. Frontier City Trip for MS students
 - 1. *Mrs. Shilling wants drinks and snacks for the upcoming MS trip to Frontier City.*
 - a. *She said many kids will not eat or drink and she is afraid they will get sick or faint after a day in the heat.*
 - b. *Past years they have stopped for dinner, but she would like to get them home at a better hour so she’d like to not stop this year. Snacks and drinks would offset the need to stop.*
 - c. *She has 65-75 kids attending the trip*
 - 2. *Boosters is good with purchasing drinks and snacks to send with them on the bus.*
 - a. *Drinks = water – since the concern is the heat and dehydration, water is the best drink to send. Boosters can look into flavor packet prices and see if feasible (or allowed on bus) as treat*
 - b. *Snacks = what options would be healthy options all kids would eat and keep on the bus.*
 - i. Mrs. Shilling requested granola bars, chips, & cheesitz.

3. *Mrs. Shilling is requesting boosters pay for gas cost for the directors to attend SWADCA. The school has given them the Suburban to drive and she ask that they get \$1,000 up front to pay for gas.*
 - a. *Booster board had been approached outside of meeting and knew of director concerns for gas. During a board planning meeting it had been decided to help, but announcement had not been made yet. Cost of gas had been calculated and determined to be roughly \$350 round trip at the current gas rate. Board was prepared to gift \$400*
 - b. *Mr. B commented that ideally they would like to pay for everyone attending's gas*
 - i. *This brought up discussion that SWADCA was an outside of school optional event where students/parents signed contracts before auditions that stated they were aware cost were the attendee's responsibility – This requirement had made multiple students refrain from auditioning and boosters felt it was not fair to those kids to change that the night before the event.*
 - c. *Concerns were brought up that the requested amount was much higher than the calculated cost of the school vehicle. The boosters would always like to help, but higher amounts take time for consideration and end of year budgeting would need to be factored in and reserved. They were leaving for the trip the next morning.*
 - i. *J. Shilling brought up that the school was giving the directors a suburban and that the vehicle is a higher gas mileage car, so extra cost should be given. He's driven the same car and thinks the higher cost is reasonable.*
 - ii. *Board was asked by attending club members what those expenses were.*
 1. *End of year \$1,500 balance required in club bylaws*
 2. *Banquet upfront cost & possible overages after ticket sales*
 3. *Scholarship program*
 - a. *Board was asked to explain scholarship program and expressed what vision for it is*
 - b. *J. Oder suggested maybe the scholarships don't need to happen*
 4. *Start-up cost of next year's HOCO*
 - a. *Reminder was made that boosters is front loaded income year and it functions the second half of the year on limited finances brought in by the early fundraising. There is not a way to recover expenditures that go outside of current funds.*
 5. *Savings for future expenses that would benefit the whole of the department or a large group of the program*

- a. *i.e. Choir trip, musical needs, speakers, mics, props, music*
- d. *At this point in the meeting the room was getting rather loud. Opinions on the matter were getting sided and heated; the request to move to executive session was made.*
- 4. *Executive Session request was unanimously approved by all attending. Motion to adjourn was passed so all who wanted to go home could.*
- 5. *Board moved into Executive Session 7:09pm*

5. ADJOURNMENT – 7:09PM

A. Motion – L. Vassmer, 2nd - Clary

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 13 th	Cards on Broadway
March 16-20	Spring Break
Mon April 6 th	HS Choir Contest Preview
April 8 th	HS Union Choir Contest
April 17, 18, 19	Musical
Mon. Apr 27 @ 6pm	Booster Meeting
May 4 th	MS Choir – Spring Concert
May 11 th	HS Choir – Spring Concert
Thurs. May 14 th	Banquet
May 17 th	Graduation

Attendance:

- Michael Broyles
- Jana Shilling
- Ben Vassmer
- Melinda Clary
- Susan Scott
- Lisa Vassmer
- James Shilling
- Jennifer Wheeler
- Krista Nissen
- Scott Oder
- Jana Oder

NOTES:

Results of Executive Session

Boosters passed to reimburse gas cost for directors after trip. Directors will supply receipts for reimbursement.