TMHS Choir Parent association Virtual Meeting

April 3, 2020

6:05 pm

General Information - Jed

School is cancelled by TISD until May for now as everyone knows. UIL has been cancelled by UIL. All TMEA is cancelled. Spring trip is cancelled. Money is tide up with vendors. Not sure if money will be refunded or if we will get credit for rooms and ticket vouchers for water park. It doesn’t look like we will get the money back.

Banquet – will most likely need to be cancelled. Any event should be cancelled between now and the end of the year. Banquet could be held during the summer. Jed spoke with student officers and maybe late June or July for a social event to honor seniors. Still want to award senior scholarships. Seniors should have access to applications. They should fill it out and scanned in to send to Jed who will pass on to the committee. Choir camps are on hold until further notice from government officials. We can still take applications for any choir camps that could still be offered over the summer.

Trophies and awards normally done at the concert, not sure if trophy company is until open. Jed will contact on Monday to see if they are still functioning.

We need a closing ceremony for the seniors in order to close out the year on a positive note.

Choir assignments – 2 or 3 a week, been asked not to tax the kids too much for now. Site reading and upload videos for now, nothing too long.

Question was raised if point refunds from spring trip will be allowed to be used for choir camps this summer. Jed is leaving that decision up to the booster club. Roxann stated that we will be rolling over a lot of money to next year since we are not paying for banquet, spring trip, concert, etc. should be willing to allocate money to other areas.

Roxann has received some scholarships applications.

Questions raised if the spring trip came with insurance. Jed said there is but, he’s not sure if this situation is covered. Probably no refunds between now and June 1st.

Another school decided to roll the trip over to next year, we might look into that. Another possible solution is to the out of state next year and do 2 trips in one year. Jed has done two trips before but only the seniors were allowed to go out of state. A third possibility is that everyone just gets their own vouchers to use whenever they wanted with their own families. Doubts that anyone will get a full refund. The tour company will have to get the money back from the vendors. A lot of the places are closed and there isn’t anyone to contact for refunds. The tour company is trying to get is figured out. Question if we can refund points when we haven’t been refunded money.

The choir has made the last payment to the tour company but not all parents have made the last payment to the booster club.

If all we can get are vouchers and credits then maybe we can sell the packages to families and they can use independently. Jed will draft a letter to the parents regarding our options and what will be happening. Will probably create mor questions as well.

Roxann thinks that our best option would be to take 2 trips next year and sell the seniors trips to the lower classman.

Jed will call tour company on Monday and get with Roxann to send a letter to parents.

Concerns that possibly some of the companies could go out of business. But most of the vouchers are for larger companies that should be ok after this.

10 seniors scheduled for the trip. How many paid with points?

Out of state trip discussed for spring break in order to not have too many days out of school.

We will not be giving money back for points.

Banquet. Only deposit has been paid to Shirley acres per Maria. Jed suggested we find another date in July and still have the banquet. It could act as the senior send-off. Check with Shirley acres to see if they are willing to do that. If not cancel and perhaps lose the deposit. We might be able to do in school cafeteria. Maria asked who has the contract with Shirley acres. Maria only has invoice and not contract. We need to verify if we are within the time frame to cancel without penalties. Roxann and Maria will each check to see if they have the contact to check.

Larissa does not have an information from Shirley acres. Maria will check choir emails.

Angie will call Shirley acres to get contract and update.

Roxann still working with Colleen on the senior stories book.

Jed will talk to other directors to see what they are doing.

Maria suggested we could do a small locker made out of wood for each senior and present that instead of a plaque or a trophy. The lower classman could write little notes to go in them. Jed could make it an assignment for the kids to write a not to a senior or as many seniors as they want. They could be emailed to Jed and he could separate them out for each senior to go in the locker or box.

Maria will send us a picture of the locker that her daughter has.

Awards will be plaques but senior gift will not be.

Jed will discuss two trips next year with students. One on spring break and one in May for Padre from this year.

Maria – send picture of locker, look for Shirley acre contract, and will not send final payment for the trip until Jed gives ok.

Kim questioned about flags for Memorial Day to Angie.

We will do a follow up call next week. Possibly the 14th.

Meeting adjourned.