Tomball Memorial choir Parent Association

August 18, 2020

Executive board meeting

In attendance: Roxann Bacchus, Jed Ragsdale, Colleen Braun, Stephanie Howard, Randy Treadway, Jennifer Cain, Kim Caudle, Jay Fraley, Valerie Fraley. virtual :Kimberly Dillow

Trip

December is the deadline to take a 2021 trip with Director’s choice, not sure on what district will allow. The out of state trip this year will probably not happen. We can get 50% of the fees back or 90% of credit. We would sell the trips that seniors bought to under classmen. The bus company has returned our deposit. The only trip possible this year would be in state, no out-of-state trips. We could try South Padre. We still have credits there. Seniors and Senior chaperones will be offered the choice of a 50% refund of their total payment now, or will have to wait for the trip to be resold if one is taken. That would only be up to 90% of the amount paid. Any senior who paid in points without younger siblings will be offered the refund as well at 50%. September 11th will be the deadline for decision. Colleen will email and check back periodically and will call any who have not answered. If no decision is communicated by the 11th, the 90% will be assumed as the choice.

Jed would investigate insurance for any future trips. All money previously collected/credits would be used as deposits, no money would be collected form the parents/kids until spring semester after the district has approved/cancelled any trips for the year. At that time the payments would be collected if a trip is approved.

Fundraisers

We are now allowed to do fundraisers. Email for flags are out to parents.

Returning to class

Students will be in 6x6 squares, masks are required, spraying down the music stands, 48 chairs will fit, 6 in chorale are virtual. Not allowed to congregate in the choir room in the morning or at lunch.

Concert

We will need to leave a space for Jed. Leave the grand piano on the stage, get upright or keyboard. Lots of video demonstrations, pre-record warm-ups, etc.

No fall concert, not sure of winter concert.

Separate the choirs for individual concerts or stream them.

Booster Club

Focus will be that all students are participating in all-state. Voice lesson teachers are diminished. Investigating zoom lessons for voice. The school chrome books do have cameras.

Booster club might provide chrome books for choir

Booster club general meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, will start having meetings in September. First meeting will be held on September 15th due to the 8th being the first day of school.

Kim caudle will investigate laptop/chrome book with plug in microphone, speaker. She will advise of pricing and availability by Monday, August 24th via email. We will vote if necessary, to approve purchase based on the information from Kim.

To keep treasurer transparent, the account has been set up on QuickBooks. We do not have 2 treasurers, Jed prefers 2, but for now one. We will keep only one bank card for the account. Roxann will keep that for now.

Voice lessons will be paid at the end of the month, paid in arrears, with an invoice. Will be paid in a timely manner. Booster club should start paying the voice teacher directly for the whole lesson and the student should then reimburse the booster club for the non-scholarship portion. The teacher will keep track of the lessons, submit to booster club for payment and receive payment directly from the booster club.

Scholarships would have to go back to only a portion of the applicants receiving awards due to the decline in the Booster club budget.

Booster club will moving forward not cancel the flag fundraiser as the liability falls to the booster club and the subscribers are requesting refunds.

Jennifer will create a google drive for choir booster club and save all the minutes, documents, etc for everyone to have access.

Voice lesson scholarships will be applied for as in previous years and not as was done last year.

The trip was paid in full at $47,450.00. The amount collected by the booster roughly $33,900.00, leaving about $13,700.00 uncollected.

The choir fees will be done as semester fees. Ex. $25 this semester. There will be no uniforms this semester, etc.

Zoom meeting for board before September 15th. Just a quick update before meeting with the parents.

Meeting adjourned: 9:02 pm