

Pulaski Music Booster Meeting

Monday, January 13th, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m. Pulaski High School

1. Meeting call to order – 7:01pm

2. Student Reports

a. Kolton –

- i. All of the winter concerts went great.
- ii. Thanks for all the help with setting up and moving, especially moving everything to ABVM
- iii. We have had a few pep bands.

1. We have a few more this month on the 18 & the 21st.

2. All information about them is on board in the band room

iv. Encourage practicing!!!

1. Specifically for March 15th, which is solo/ensemble

v. In class we are currently working on Chilirific music & large group pieces for solo/ensemble.

b. Riley –

- i. Chamber choir sang at Emerald Bay Nursing Home, the Wellness Way event, the Community Band/Choir concert and sang the National Anthem at a girl basketball game
- ii. Everyone sang at pep assembly before break
- iii. All choirs, along with the 8th graders, sang the National Anthem at the January 10th Gamblers game.
- iv. Musical is in full swing.

1. The students will be performing some pieces at Chilirific

- v. In class we are working on solo or ensembles for solo/ensemble in March.

3. Director Reports (Mrs. Brown, Mr. Busch, Mr. Guerrero)

a. Mr Busch

- i. Thank you all for being at this meeting and supporting our students

- ii. Mackinac Trip

1. January & February trip payments cancelled. Those are the months that the booster payments will be applied to.

2. I have updated the trip brochure.

3. Last payments will be due in March & April

4. Will start marching rehearsals in May to prepare for the trip

5. It is our only competitive parade, so we need to be prepared.

6. Mr G & I have been looking at a lot of solo/ensemble deadlines.

- a. We need to have music approved in a week or two

- iii. We are super busy preparing for Chilirific.

1. Bringing back favorites – Riverdance, Pixar Movie Magic and Wicked

b. Mrs Brown

- i. The parent meeting for the Chicago trip was well attended

- ii. Tri-M is encouraging students to volunteer for Chilirific

1. Let Mrs Brown know if any other volunteer opportunities come up for the students...maybe solo/ensemble

- iii. When the Chamber Choir went to sing at Emerald Bay, they did not want them to leave.
- iv. Times came out today for State Honors Auditions.
- v. Emma Alshwede auditioned for the WCDA (WI Choral Directors Assoc) All-State Pop A Capella group.
 - 1. They only take about 18 kids. **Emma made it!!!**
- vi. When the choir sang with Dominika she kept asking if they would come to Italy and sing.
 - 1. She sent me an email asking if they could go this year.
 - 2. I said no to that...but maybe the following year.
 - 3. If there is interest we will do a survey, similar to what the band did with their trips.
 - 4. Never done international travel with the Music department.
- vii. Pitches & notes are coming to perform for the students.

c. Mr G

- i. Christmas concerts went well and were very well attended.
- ii. Thank you for all your support
- iii. Solo/ensemble push!
 - 1. Currently assigning accompanists
 - 2. We are hosting here again.
 - 3. De Pere has double the entries they had last year

4. Mr Couch is doing the scheduling for that day
- iv. January 6th was family engagement night.
 1. Music store & accessory night.
 2. Heid came out with instruments for students to look at and try.
 3. Maybe 12-15 people stopped by.
 4. Try to continue something like this in the future.
- v. Hockey Pep Band at Cornerstone Community Center on Saturday
- vi. Jazz groups will be playing in the commons at the beginning of Chilirific
- vii. Symphonic Band will be playing music from Moana and Trans-Siberian Orchestra for Chilirific
- viii. Shazz will be in Shawano on March 8th

4. Coordinator Reports

- a. Communications - Jennifer Sinkula
 - i. The newsletter for tomorrow is set to go already
- b. Chaperones - Charlotte Skala
 - i. We will need about 16-17 chaperones for the Mackinac trip.
- c. MET Force - Jessi Drevs
 - i. We will be using the trailer for the pep band at Cornerstone. Will treat the loading and unloading similar to a parade because the space is pretty tight.
 - ii. Thanks to everyone that helped out getting all the equipment to ABVM for the Christmas Concert. We are getting very efficient!
- d. Resch Center - Margie Reynolds

- i. Slow coming and don't have any dates for February yet.
- e. Merchandise Sales/Restaurant Nights - Holly Symons / Julie Murphy
 - i. No new dates
- f. Bake Sales - Kim Hawpetoss
 - i. We had 4 bake sales in December.
 - ii. The total from the Christmas concert donations was \$1108.
 - iii. Next sale is spring craft show and spring concerts
- g. Chilirific - Jeff Mommaerts / Cara Gosse
 - i. Letters went out today to families.
 - 1. Thanks to the directors for sending them
 - ii. Have 25% of volunteer spots filled as of right now
 - iii. Ticket sales a little slow...
 - iv. Doing well on bucket raffle donations
 - v. Thinking there will be enough donations from students/parents.
 - vi. Basket value should be about \$30-\$50, approximately
 - vii. We will add Tri-M volunteers to next Chilirific planning meeting

5. Treasurer Report - Mindy Melendy -

- a. We have had a few nice donations – (all anonymous)
 - i. \$200 & \$100 from CyberGrant.
 - ii. \$142 from Thrivent.
 - iii. \$967.20 Giving Tracks Foundation.

- iv. \$2000 from Charles Schwab
- b. Current Balance in Premier - \$98,130.57
 - i. It is up from last month, lots of deposits made during December
 - ii. I also have to write Mrs Brown a check for RRSC tickets
 - iii. A check for the Mackinac trip will also be coming out soon.
- c. Current Student Balance - \$35,879.14
 - i. Approve – Kim Hawpetoss
 - ii. Second – Kris Mommaerts

6. Secretary Report - Jessi Drevs

- a. Approve – Craig Piczkowski
- b. Second – Carmen Raymaker

7. Vice President Report - Cara Gosse

- a. Nothing tonight

8. President Report - Jeff Mommaerts

- a. Update on By-Laws Review
 - i. We are meeting this coming Thursday.
- b. Mackinac Shadow Tour will be happening - thanks to Amy Herison for stepping up.
 - i. I am helping her with a google form
 - ii. Grand hotel needs to know our numbers by mid March.
 - iii. Mid/late February will probably be the deadline to sign up

9. New Business

- a. Kris Mommaerts texted Paula (from TOR) about fires in LA. Paula and Alex are ok. 15 houses on their road were destroyed. They used pool water to help save houses

- i. Do we want to try to reach out and do something? Maybe Tri-M or Booster organization.

10. Adjourn 7:54pm

- a. Motion – Craig Piczkowski
- b. Second – Mindy Melendy

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10th, 2025 @ 7:00pm - PHS Room LGI-1