



FOM Booster Club Meeting Minutes

10/18/23 Oak MPR

Called to Order at 6:35 p.m. by Darrenn Platt

Members Present:

- **President:** Darrenn Platt
- **VP:** Leland Jay
- **Secretary:** Valerie Kelsey
- **Treasurer:** Kavitha Tadikonda
- **Fundraising:** Mandy Diggle
- **Costumes:** Julie Hermosura
- **Advisement:** Vince O'Connell

Ticket Report:

- FOM sells tickets for three shows
 - Best of Stage and Screen: 11/3/23 & 11/4/23
 - Competition Preview: 2/2/24 & 2/3/24
 - Spring Pops: 5/17/24 & 5/18/24
- Prices
 - \$20 for Preferred Seating with advanced purchase
 - \$15 for General Seating with advance purchase
 - \$20 for General Seating at the door
- Ticket Sales Timeline
 - Advanced Purchase for FOM Members
 - Show Sponsor: 10/20/23
 - Platinum Star: 10/20/23
 - Gold Star: 10/24/23
 - Silver Star: 10/25/23
 - Bronze: 10/26/23
 - General sales open to the public: 10/27/23
- How to Purchase Show Tickets
 - On the Oak Choir website (www.oakchoir.com)
 - Click on Events and click on Show Tickets
 - Pay with PayPal
 - At the door of the show
 - Pay by cash, check or Venmo (@OakFOM)
 - Seating is assigned and is purchased first come, first serve
 - If you pay in advance, you use your email receipt and go straight to your seat
- Ticket Policies
 - For accessible/handicap seating, contact Laura Fitzmaurice at oakchoirticket@gmail.com
 - To use funds from Charms for purchase
 - You must have already paid in full Participation Donations and Transportation Fees



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- Contact Kavitha Tadikonda at friendsofmusictreasurer@gmail.com
- There are no refunds
- If you are unable to use your tickets, please donate them back
 - We will try to resell them
 - If resold, the FOM Board may approve a refund
- Competition Tickets vs. Show Tickets
 - FOM does not sell the tickets for competitions
 - They are sold by the hosting school and you will purchase online from the host school
 - Vince and/or FOM will send out the ticket links as soon as we get them
 - The best way to attend the competition is to chaperone

Secretary Report:

- Minutes Approval
 - Valerie Kelsey made a motion to approve the Booster Club Meeting Minutes from 5/3/23.
 - Darrenn Platt seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Booster Club Membership Update
 - Membership forms are available at the back table
 - Membership supports Oak Choir and the funds help provide unique performance opportunities for our students
 - There for five level of membership with benefits
 - Show Sponsor: \$1,000, 1 free shout-out in all 3 show programs, 1 week advance ticket access, \$75 Spiritwear voucher, annual DVD or video link package, 4 VIP seats per choir show
 - Need to change the wording on the VIP seats to “4 VIP seats per show weekend” as it is confusing and members thought they got 4 tickets each night
 - Platinum Star: \$600, 1 free shout-out in Fall & Spring show programs, 1 week advance ticket access, \$50 Spiritwear voucher, Fall Show DVD or video link, 2 VIP seats per choir show
 - Gold Star: \$350, 1 free shout-out in Fall or Spring show programs, 72 hour advance ticket access, \$30 Spiritwear voucher, Fall Show DVD or video link
 - Silver Star: \$150, 1 free shout-out in Fall or Spring show programs, 48 hour advance ticket access, \$15 Spiritwear voucher
 - Bronze Star: \$50, 1 free shout-out in Fall or Spring show programs, 24 hour advance ticket access



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Financial Report:

- Approve FOM budget for 2023-24
 - Darrenn Platt made a motion to approve the FOM budget as presented for the 2023-24 school year
 - Mandy Diggle seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Participation Donations
 - ShowTime (6th grade girls) - \$250
 - ShowStars (7th grade girls) - \$300
 - ShowStoppers (8th grade girls) - \$350
 - ShowMen (all grades boys) - \$360
 - ShowCase (zero period) - \$275
- Transportation Fees
 - ShowTime - \$25
 - ShowStars - \$75
 - ShowStoppers - \$100
 - ShowMen - \$100
- Monthly Charms Statements will be sent
 - These serve as a reminder and not to pressure parents
 - We offer a monthly payment plan to ease the process
 - ShowTime - \$150 on 9/30/23, \$50 on 10/15/23, \$25 on 11/15/23 and \$25 on 12/15/23
 - ShowStars - \$150 on 9/30/23, \$75 on 10/15/23, \$75 on 11/15/23 and \$75 on 12/15/23
 - ShowStoppers - \$150 on 9/30/23, \$100 on 10/15/23, \$100 on 11/15/23 and \$100 on 12/15/23
 - ShowMen - \$150 on 9/30/23, \$100 on 10/15/23, \$100 on 11/15/23 and \$100 on 12/15/23
 - ShowCase - \$150 on 9/30/23, \$75 on 10/15/23, \$25 on 11/15/23 and \$25 on 12/15/23
- How To Pay
 - Venmo @OakFOM
 - Do not mark as a purchase
 - Check or Case
 - Your student can put it in the choir room mailbox
 - Make checks payable to Oak FOM
 - PayPal - use oakchoir@gmail.com
 - Charms (which runs through PayPal)



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- Reach out to Kavitha Tadikonda with any questions or concerns at (562) 343-8516 or friendsofmusictreasurer@gmail.com

Fundraising and Marketing Report:

- Updates on Closed Fundraisers
 - Taste for Los Al
 - We sold over 100 tickets
 - Charms accounts will reflect the credits earned once FOM receives payment
 - The Kebab Shop
 - Huge success where we raised over \$800. Thank you to all the families who came
- Flower Bouquets and Merchandise for the Fall Show
 - FOM will be selling flowers for the fall show
 - We encourage preorders and will send an online order form as soon as the pricing is confirmed
 - We will also be selling Oak Choir T-shirts (\$15) and pajama bottoms (\$25) at the show
- Ongoing Fundraisers
 - See's Candy
 - There are order forms in the choir room.
 - Orders and payments are due to the Choir Room Drop Box by 11/17/23
 - 50% credit earned on Dashing Delivery Box and Merry Moose Box. 20% credit on everything else
 - Pick up will be early December
 - RaiseRight
 - We will post promotions on social media
 - Thuy Nguyen has RaiseRight credits but we have not been able to locate her. If anyone knows who this is, please let us know
- Upcoming Dine Outs
 - Wahoo's Fish Tacos on 10/26/23
 - 20% donation of all sales with a flyer
 - Flyers will be in the choir room and posted on social media
 - It is a minimum day so we are encouraging kids to walk for lunch after school
 - Mr. O'Connell will be there and the first 40 kids that say "Trick or Treat" to Mr. O'Connell will get a treat
 - Chick-Fil-A on 11/9/23 from 5-8 PM
 - 20% donation of all sales with a flyer
 - Flyers will be shared on social media pages



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- If we sell \$1,500 worth of food (making \$300 for the choir), Mr. O'Connell had agreed to wear a cow costume to school for the day

Costumes:

- Oak Choir T-shirts
 - They have all been distributed to students
 - If student loses the shirt, it is \$15 to replace
 - Garment Bags with costume will be going home on Friday, 10/27
 - Parents need to fill with costumes from home and return to Oak in the assigned garment bag on Monday, 10/30
 - Julie and volunteers will be checking all costumes for completeness and appropriateness
 - Julie requested volunteers on Monday to help her check the costumes
 - Character Shoes (Girls)
 - They have all been ordered through Elite Dance Apparel.
 - Families must pick them up so they can be tried on
 - Be sure to put your child's name inside their shoes
 - Oak Choir Jackets
 - They have all been ordered
 - Lead time is 4-6 weeks and they should be ready after the holidays
 - Tights (Girls)
 - Any tights already purchased will be placed in the garment bags
 - Can be purchased for \$5 via Venmo (@OakFOM) or with cash to Julie in the costume room
 - Next year, Julie needs someone to take over buttons and merchandise

Calendar:

- Upcoming Events
 - Fall Show Dress Rehearsal 11/2/23
 - Fall Show 11/3/23 & 11/4/23
 - Call time at 6:00 PM
 - Show at 7:00 PM

Parent Participation:

- Importance of parent participation and chaperones
 - Chaperones are the adult in the room helping guide the students to and from the changing area to the stage
 - Cell phone are not permitted in the dressing rooms and will be locked in a secure box upon arrival
 - Great way to get to spend time with your kids and get to know their choir friends



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- Great way to get to know other choir parents
- Chaperones for the show
 - We need 4 chaperones for each of main groups (8th grade girls, 7th grade girls, 6th grade girls and all boys)
- Choir Leads
 - These parents are the main point of contact for information regarding those choirs
 - Diana Silva has signed up for ShowStars and ShowCase
 - We still need leads for ShowStoppers, ShowTime and ShowMen
- Show Support Team
 - Volunteers to set up and clean up, sell concessions, flowers and merchandise, and ushers/programs
 - High school students are welcome to earn volunteer hours in these positions
- Concession Donations for Show
 - Two choirs are asked to donate snack items for the concession table for each show
 - ShowStoppers and ShowMen for the fall show
- There are sign ups at the back table
 - An online sign up will be available after the meeting but those who attended will receive priority

Director's Report

- Vince expressed his excitement for the upcoming show
- They will begin working on competition set as soon as the fall show is over
- Vince shared what an amazing start to the year it has been

Questions & Answers

- Question about boy's costume top
 - The V-neck is an undershirt
 - They need a white shirt over it for the all white costume and a black shirt over it for the all black costume
- Darrenn Platt suggested that we leave gifts for teachers whose classrooms we use
 - Cannot use FOM funds but parents can personally donate

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. by Darrenn Platt