

Mac Choir Booster Club Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2021

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Booster officers, Gabe Reyes, Malcolm Nelson, Tyler Mabry, other attendees on list

No Hassle Fundraiser—moved to Spring; will coincide with Cabaret

Senior Blankets

- Still rounding up names
- Mr. Nelson will check in with students during class in January to make sure everyone is in Charms
- Mabry can help gather names of seniors

Discussion with Mr. Reyes re: staffing changes

Mr. Reyes said he heard from students and parents regarding choir concerns. Is excited to bring in Mr. Nelson. Thanked Mr. Nelson for coming in to help get program back on track.

Concern/question from parent about how it will be for students/Rodriguez with staffing changes. Mr. Reyes assures us that it will be Mr. Nelson's class; he will be the director. Intend to meet expectations of families. Ms. Rodriguez will be assistant director for Spring with option to stay as assistant. Ms. Rodriguez will probably continue to have songwriting class.

Nelson will be director for just 1 semester, but will help with search for the new director.

Previous year McCallum was only allowed to hire from within AISD; were limited in who could hire or who we could interview. New search will be much wider.

Mr. Nelson will put together calendar for Spring including all after-school rehearsals and get that out to families soon.

UIL Solo & Ensemble

For now, Cedar Creek HS in Bastrop is hosting. We usually host so we are looking into whether it will be at McCallum after all.

Pre-UIL concert: February 22

Nelson will check to make sure there aren't conflicts with theatre for that date.

UIL music is not selected yet. Rules for UIL have changed; will be more accessible to more students. Mabry can post if music is selected soon.

Q & A with Mr. Nelson

- How will vocal studies time be used for students in that class? Maybe work on solos.

- Question regarding teaching beginning choir students who may feel unprepared. Mr. Nelson assures us that's no problem; has taught beginner classes, they've always been a valued part of the choir program.

Other news re: upcoming calendar items

- Caroling is still happening
- Capitol singing is NOT happening
- Winter Concert—will be using risers and shells; probably need some parent help breaking those down after concert. Also need help with program hand-out and cleanup.

Booster club meeting times for Spring TBD (probably will be Tuesdays)

Send-off for Mr. Mabry—Connie is organizing

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