

**Oregon Choral Boosters (OCB)**  
**www.oregonchoralboosters.com**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 13, 2010, 6:30 p.m.**  
**OMS Choir Room**

Oregon Choral Board Members							
Member	Position	Present	Absent	Member	Position	Present	Absent
Christine Ayers	President	x		Marcy Heim	Publicity Chair		x
Susan Brown	Treasurer	x		Carol Shirk	Secretary	x	
Madeleine Chisman	Scholarship Chair	x		Colleen Slusser	Concert Reception Chair		x
				Vacant	Fundraising Chair		
Oregon Choral Directors				Members at Large			
				None			
Director				Guests			
		Present	Absent	None			
Heather Rattmann		x					
Jennifer Yancey		x					

**Secretary's Report – Carol Shirk**

Motion made by Christine to approve minutes from November 15, 2010, OCB meeting. Motion seconded by Madeleine.

**Old Business**

The Board decided the January OCB meeting will focus primarily on the future priorities and vision of the Oregon Choral Boosters.

In Marcy's absence, the discussion regarding a workshop for choir students provided by Tom Terrien was tabled for the next meeting, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Riser Update - Jennifer's research is ongoing. She did receive one quote from StageRight. The cost for each riser is about \$1000.

Fundraising Update - All of the CFL's have now been delivered. There was brief discussion about discontinuing the Bright Idea fundraiser for next year and broadening the selection of items available through Elegant Farmer instead. Profits from Elegant Farmer are better and the company is also easier to work with. We will also look for additional fundraising opportunities for next year. Jennifer suggested we check the Web to see if we can gather other fundraising ideas from other choral boosters/vocal groups.

**New Business**

Christine received a letter from the Wisconsin Foundation for the School of Music requesting a gift of money from OCB. A decision was made to decline the request for a donation. The Board agreed that OCB would rather provide funds for programs and needs that Jennifer and Heather have for Oregon students.

Christine asked Heather to think of needs or a "wish list" of things she would like OCB to support.

Christine asked Heather and Jennifer to provide her with a list of names of parents that Christine could contact with the hopes of recruiting additional OCB members. Specifically, the Fundraising Chair position is still open and will be important to fill before next fall.

**Scholarship Chair Report – Madeleine Chisman**

Madeleine had nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report – Sue Brown**

Sue provided an update of funds currently in OCB bank accounts. As of the date of the report, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the savings account had a beginning and ending balance of \$1,733.90 and the checking account had a beginning balance of \$4,375.92, and an ending balance of \$7,177.47. The change in the checking account balance from the previous report was due to revenues related to the fall fundraisers, and expenses related to the pizza party provided for OMS choir students. A certificate of deposit worth \$3,031.49 will mature March 28, 2011. The funds in all accounts total \$11,942.86.

### **Director's Reports – Heather Rattmann and Jennifer Yancey**

#### Heather Rattmann - RCI and OMS

Heather has returned from her maternity leave. In the two weeks since her return, she has focused on getting to know the students.

There will not be a Madrigal performance and dinner in 2011 unless Carly Wacker can make a commitment to direct the program.

Heather may benefit from the upcoming remodel of the Oregon Middle School. As a result she may get a permanent choir room!

#### Jennifer Yancey – OHS

The December concert went well. Jennifer held a “high, low, hmm, share session” with the students after the concert and received some excellent feedback from them. The biggest “low” was the audience. Students did not feel respected by audience members as there was a significant amount of noise, chatter, and restlessness during their performances.

Jennifer has received the music for the OAKE National Concert Choir in Minneapolis. The rehearsal CD's are in Hungarian which will present somewhat of a challenge for students.

Jennifer provided solo and ensemble commitment statements to students December 13<sup>th</sup>. Commitment statements need to be signed by both the parent and student.

#### Next Meeting

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 6:30 p.m., OHS choir room.

Submitted by Carol Shirk, OCB Secretary