

**TIFT COUNTY CHORAL PARENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Held on May 9, 2006**  
**(These minutes are unofficial and presented by Mary Nell Greer –**  
**They will be read to be approved in September)**

Call to Order by Mary Nell Greer at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary Report was not given due to absence of secretary

Treasurer's Report was given by Cathy Strickland – She reported that the current balance in TCCPA account was \*8214.67. Several items are yet to be paid, such as payment for Spring Show books to Lang Printing and payment for services of JJ Jackson at Spring shows. CiCi's Pizza sent TCCPA a check for \$84.83 for Pizza Nights.

**Old Business:**

FAME Account – FAME sent a refund of \$3000. \$1000 was withheld, but will be used as deposit for next year's trip.

Spring Show Programs – Many were not sold due to the fact that they were locked up in Randy's office during NE and ESMS shows. These programs will be taken to those schools and distributed among the students who performed, especially those that bought ads at no charge. Cathy Strickland reported that many parents were upset about the Programs not being sold during the performance.

**New Business:**

Randy Barber reported on the future of Tift County Choral programs. He noted that the number of students signed up for 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus next year is at an all-time low. The scheduling issue at the middle school is one of the problems. The students must select chorus, band, or p.e. with the exploratory wheel. This means that students in chorus can't take physical education which is required by many coaches of competitive sports. Parents are encouraged by TCCPA to speak to school officials and board members about their concerns for the choral program.

Mary Nell Greer reported that David and Angela Stewart resigned as Co-Vice Presidents during the executive meeting held on May 8, 2006. TCCPA members voted and approved that resignation.

TCCPA Executive Board Members made nominations for vacant Executive Board positions. The floor was opened for further nominations; none were made. Members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the following nominations:

- Tim and Renee Daniel for Co-Presidents (to serve with Tina and Gary Baxter who were Co-Vice Presidents this year)
- Mark & Venita Sandifer and Leslie & Gina Sumner for Co-Vice Presidents
- Mary Phelps and Elaine Auger for Co-Treasurers
- Misty Tucker for Secretary

Board Members suggested that Misty Tucker seek an assistant to help her during absences and to train for future service.

Tina Baxter reported that some TCCPA members had already committed to serve as Chairs of sub-committees next term. Those members were Marla Moore for Membership Committee, Joy West for Chaperone Committee, Natalie Underwood for Show Committee. Mary Nell Greer reported that Freda Richardson is willing to continue as Chair of Publicity Committee and Betsy Haman is willing to continue as Website Master. New Executive Committee Members will seek to fill Chair positions for Fundraising Committee and Program Committee. Names of active TCCPA members submitted by those in attendance to fulfill committee openings were Dale & Gail Beard, Kathy Young, Joyce Murphy, Nan & Drew Roberts, and Hope & Robbie Baldwin.

Cathy Strickland recommended that four people are needed to sell tickets at each show. The Chaperone Committee will have the responsibility of filling those positions for each show at all schools.

Mary Nell Greer recommended that the Executive Board work with each Committee Chair to get active TCCPA members to serve as assistants on each committee. She also reminded members that preparation and decorations for Valentine Banquet falls under the duties of the Show Committee.

Cathy Strickland recommended that more effort be made to secure ads for Spring Show Program at all schools. TCCPA may need to mail letters to parents because the students are not getting them to parents.

Randy Barber briefly discussed the trip for TCHS choral students to Orlando next year. He stated that efforts would be made to begin collecting funds for the trip during the summer and a payment plan be set up for students to get the amount paid in smaller payments. The cost of the trip will be around \$450 - \$500. Fund raisers will be held to defray the cost the trip.

Members discussed current and future fundraisers. These suggestions were made:

- Business Sponsors: continue to do this – Make necessary changes to sponsor letters and send them out early in the year.
- Pancake Breakfast: Hold these at Applebee's in conjunction with car wash. High School work the breakfast while 9<sup>th</sup> graders work the car wash.
- Pizza Night at Papa John's and CiCi's has not been successful.
- BBQ Fundraiser – Placed on the calendar for October 6 from 4:30 – 7:00 – Ask to use ESMS again for preparing plates and serving indoors. Randy will also put that same night on calendar for TCHS Chorus to sing National Anthem.

- Valentine Dinner Theater – Placed tentatively on calendar for Friday, Feb. 9 at ABAC Dining Hall at 7 p.m. Show Committee will need to meet with Mr. Barber and ABAC officials early to get this on ABAC calendar. Cost of tickets will be \$25.
- Partners in Philanthropy – Mr. Barber will keep the members updated on this. It will be important for Mr. Barber and the Fundraising committee to continue to push this effort.
- Membership Drive – Marla Moore will have a committee to push membership at Fall shows and schools.
- Jr. Show Choir Camp – JJ will continue to set this up and use Show Choir students. Executive Committee members will be asked to assist or to get others to help on that day.

Randy Barber noted other dates on the calendar for next year:

- BBQ Fundraiser – Oct. 6 (4:30 – 7:00)
- Fall Concert TCHS- Oct. 10 and 12
- All-State 1st Audition – Oct. 14
- Magical Dinner TCHS – Tentatively Dec. 15 at ABAC – Tickets \$20
- All-State 2nd Audition – Jan. 20
- Valentine Dinner Theater – Tentatively Feb. 9 at ABAC at 7 p.m. – Tickets \$25
- Orlando Trip TCHS – Tentatively Mar. 15-18
- Spring Show TCHS – May 11-12

Special Presentation:

TCCPA thanked Zoe Hobby for her 18 years of commitment to Tift County Choruses with a gift. She will be missed.