



Bold Vision — Faith & the Arts

PO Box 1000
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January 26, 2010

Re: Bierocks Work Night
February 18 from 3:30 p.m. until we are done!

Dear Chamber Choir Parents/Caregivers,

Once again we have come to the time of preparing Bierocks for sale at Schmeckfest. For those of you who are new to the idea, the choir makes bierocks (runzas or meat pockets) as a fundraiser for the MSC Festival trip held this year in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, April 9-13.

You will find a recipe for the bierocks on the back of this letter. We are requesting **EACH STUDENT** in the Chamber Choir bring **TWO** recipes (i.e., **if there are two students in one family, bring 4 recipes**). We ask that you prepare the meat filling on February 17, and you or your child can bring it to school February 18. You will also need to bring the frozen Texas Rolls (white, **not wheat**) in the morning, February 18. Place in the refrigerator in the Home Ec. Room or in the Pioneer Hall kitchen.

I have called the Freeman Shopping Center and Jamboree requesting they have the 3 lb. bag of the Texas Rolls dough balls in stock. Their trucks deliver on Tuesdays; they will be available by Wednesday, February 17.

On February 18 we will put the bierocks together, bake them, and then freeze them. We need every choir member present. I will make a shift schedule so your child may not have to be there the entire time, unless they choose to. Please send along a rolling pin and a large ice cream scoop with the release mechanism. Mark these clearly so they get back to your house!

If you have any questions or would like to help that evening (and help is greatly appreciated!!!), please feel free to call me at 925-4237, ext. 240.

Sincerely,
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2003 Recipient— South Dakota Governor's Arts Award: "Outstanding Contribution to the Arts by an Organization"

Bierocks (Meat Pockets) by Susan Schrag

2½ lb ground beef (lean)
1 lb. shredded cabbage
2 T. prepared yellow mustard
1 T. dried minced onion or ¼ c. chopped onion
1½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1" slab or ½ c. Velveta cheese

*Texas Rolls -- 3 lb. bag of 24-count frozen dough balls

Brown meat and drain if necessary. Add the rest of the ingredients and cook for 5-10 minutes until everything is mixed and cabbage is slightly cooked (or limp).

Roll one dough ball out into 6-7" x 4-5" oval. Use ¼ c. meat mixture per dough ball. We use an ice cream scoop.

Bring opposite sides up and pinch. Bake with the seam side down on the pan. Don't let them rise; however, it is okay to let them wait as you bake half a batch at a time.

Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes.



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RE: South Dakota ACDA High School Honors Choir **Auditions**, April 23, 2010

Dear Parents of Sophomores and Juniors,

I'm writing to inform you of an opportunity for your child to audition for South Dakota's top honors choir. This is an auditioned choir held annually for a week in the summer. It is an incredible opportunity to sing with students from across the state and work with a dynamic director.

The audition is done in person with a judge. The student prepares a solo from memory, sings "America the Beautiful" or "America," sight reads snippets of music, takes a test and sings tonal memory passages. This is an excellent way to prepare for any future auditions your child might have.

The honors choir week will be held **July 25-30, 2010** with a concert culminating the week. The site this year is South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings, SD. If your child is selected, the fee is \$265 for the week. This includes music, lodging, meals and other recreational events that happen during the week.

I am including an audition sheet that requires your signature and a check for **\$10** payable to **South Dakota Honors Choir** (as stated on the sheet). I will need this returned to me by Wednesday, February 24.

Please consider this for you child. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at school or home. Aaron Tschetter, Alicia Hofer, Aprille Hofer, Carl Lehmann, André Eisenbeis, Caleb Epp, Karina Ortman, Lauren Unruh, and Kristin Waltner all participated in this event last year. Feel free to talk with them also.

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2010 SOUTH DAKOTA HONOR CHOIR
JULY 25 - 30, 2010 - South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES - MARCH 1, 2010

Audition Sites and Dates:			Please Send Registration and Fee to:	
Sioux Falls	April 16	4 – 9 pm	Jane Ruud	
Sioux Falls	April 17	9am – 2pm	4512 East 36 th St	
Yankton	April 23	4 – 9 pm	Sioux Falls, SD 57110	
Huron	April 24	9 am - noon	MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST TO BE ACCEPTED	
Rapid City	April 25	4 – 9 pm		

******AUDITION FEE: \$10.00 - Make checks payable to: SOUTH DAKOTA HONOR CHOIR******

DIRECTORS: Please type or print clearly the items below (information will not be released to other parties)

_____ Student Name		_____ Parent/Guardian's Name	
_____ Student Address		_____ Parent/Guardian Address (if different than student)	
_____ City	_____ Zip Code	_____ City	_____ Zip Code
_____ Student Home Phone		_____ Name of High School	
Grade (circle one)	10 11	_____ High School Address	
Voice (circle one)	S A T B	_____ City	_____ Zip Code

Director Information (must be current member of ACDA)

_____ Director Name		_____ ACDA Member # / Expiration date (required)	
_____ Home Address		_____ Home Phone	_____ Work Phone
_____ City	_____ Zip Code	_____ Summer Phone	_____ e-mail

DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

This student is a member in good standing with his/her high school choral program. He/she has also demonstrated the exemplary behavior necessary to represent his/her school, city, and state at the High School Honor Choir camp.

Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I give my child permission to audition for the South Dakota High School Honor Choir. I realize that, if he/she is selected, this is a financial and time commitment. I also understand that participants are required to be present for the full duration of the camp, and at no time can be excused to leave. (Emergencies only) The camp registration will begin on Sunday afternoon and students will be excused after the Friday evening concert.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

AUDITION SITE:

FREEMAN ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 30 2009

Members Present: John Clem, Loren Waltner, Les Rensink, John Butkus, Krista Graber, Myles Brockmueller, Eloise Schrag. **Absent:** DeVonna Wentz, Amy Waltner
Administration: Pam Tieszen, Vernetta Waltner, Bonnie Young
Others Present: Dennis Schrock

Devotion: Eloise Schrag

Approval of minutes: Correction to last sentence of finance committee report: delete "and writing off bad debt", as this did not impact recent cash flow issues. Motion by John B to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2009 board meeting with the correction noted above. Second by Loren W. Motion passed unanimously.

Faculty/Staff liaison report: Dennis Schrock presented update on NCA goals. Emergency planning committee met with Officer Doris Higgins regarding an emergency plan for FA. She had a lot of useful information. The second trimester has started and so far going well.

Auxiliary Organization Reports: No reports.

Administration Reports:

1. **Principal/Superintendent:** Written report submitted. Cash flow has improved with harvest of FA farm crops and funds from the church drive coming in. The benefit auction proceeds will net around \$11,000. Church drive contributions are about \$4000 less than last year. Pam reviewed the new graduation requirements from the SD Dept of Education. Most of these changes will affect students entering high school as freshmen in the 2010-2011 school year. Meeting requirements will be more difficult as many courses at FA are offered every other year. It will be especially difficult for students transferring in. Math requirements are already difficult to meet since many new students entering as freshman need Algebra I and others had Algebra I in 8th grade. With new requirements, students need to have Algebra I on their high school transcript or be able to test out of it. If Algebra I moved from 8th grade to 9th, would not be able to offer calculus. Our math teacher is already juggling extra math classes due to demand for AP courses and independent study courses. Pam will continue to work on a proposal that would satisfy the new state requirements, especially for students transferring in, and address math course issues. May need to look into on line courses, evaluate costs.
2. **Enrollment Director Report:** Written report submitted. Bonnie Young reviewed the 2010 Enrollment Plan. Highlighted changes and key points. The goal for the 2010-11 school year is 75 students. We have 68 this year. Motion by Krista G. to adopt the enrollment plan as presented. Second by John C. Motion passed unanimously. Bonnie reported that November has been an active month for enrollment activities including enrollment of a new student from the Parker area into the freshman class, and potential of another international student from Korea. Bonnie would like to see tuition discounts offered for staff and teachers who send their children to FA. This was done in the past. Also consider discounts for children of pastors and missionary

families. Bonnie is already getting inquiries from international students for the 2010 school year. The board will need to determine tuition fees for next year in the near future as prospective students are looking for this information.

3. Development Director Report: Written report submitted. Other activities include working on a process for thanking our contributors and sending out receipts in a more timely way. Receipts from the benefit auction have been flat the last 3 years. The event takes many hours of preparation. A hard working committee is in place, but still looking for a volunteer to chair the event for next year if this is to be continued. Business drive details were reviewed and assignments made.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee: Meeting scheduled for Dec 8. Will develop proposal for SCRIP program at that meeting. FA farm soybean harvest was bountiful with about \$106,000 in sales before expenses. Corn was recently harvested, figures not yet available.
2. Building and Grounds: Loren W. is waiting for Randy Koerner to give estimate on upgrading entrance to Pioneer Hall. Looking into Home Depot grant worth \$2500 for materials.

Miscellaneous

1. Reorganization of Board Officers and Committees: The following officers were elected by secret ballot: Myles Brockmueller – President, Les Rensink – Vice President, Eloise Schrag – Secretary. Committee assignments were discussed, board members polled regarding their interests. Following this discussion, motion made by Krista G. that board committee chairs and committee members be appointed as follows:
 - a. Enrollment: Eloise Schrag (chair)
 - b. Finance: Les Rensink (chair)
 - c. Building and Grounds: Loren Waltner (chair), John Butkus
 - d. Development: Amy Waltner (chair), John Clem, Krista GraberSecond by John B. Motion passed unanimously. Myles B. will contact DelVonna W. to see which committee she wishes to serve on. Vernetta W. will contact DelVonna about chairing the benefit auction. John B. is willing to chair the auction if DelVonna passes.
2. Christmas event for FA faculty/staff: Jan 31 set as tentative date. Myles will ask Amy W. if she is willing to plan event. John B. will ask his wife if she is willing to help plan with Amy.
3. Agenda items for next meeting: finalize 2010 benefit auction chairperson, Christmas party details, SCRIP program.

Next Meetings: December 22 at 7:00 PM and January 25 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Evaluation: Business drive portion a little tedious. Helps if members prepare, respond to emails in a timely fashion. Committees need to meet regularly and do work ahead of time. More efficient meeting than the last one. Krista G. volunteers to be the time keeper for the coming year.

Adjournment: Motion by Les R. to adjourn. Second by John C. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Recorder: Eloise Schrag

