

# ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

Members present - Mac Barlass, Adam Blegen, Roger Bosmoe, Mike Franssen  
Dennis Garner, Dick Kelm, Louis Nosan, Judd Orff, Don Paulson, Tyler Smith,  
Warren Wilson, and Jerry Herbst

1. Meeting called to order by Dennis Garner at 6:00 pm with the song, *Heart of My Heart*.

Dennis thanked Judd Orff and Duane Hall for stepping in and directing at the Boutwells concert last Sunday in Matt's absence.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved/Roger Bosmoe, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009 regular board meeting and the minutes of the December 10, 2009 and December 29, 2009 special board meetings.

### Receive Treasurer's Report

*Treasurer Recap Report for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting*

## December Receipts & Disbursements

<b>Receipts</b>		
Annual Show '09	\$	32.00
Trinity Damage Deposit Check Returned		75.00
Audio Tape		5.00
Installation Dinner Receipts from Members		1,248.00
Christmas Show Receipts		<u>2,655.00</u>
Cash Receipts	\$	4,015.00
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Mac Barlass (Shoes)	\$	9.99
Trinity Lutheran Church Bell Choir		200.00
Serina Bently (Organist - Christmas Show Aft.)		75.00
Chris Brand (Organist - Christmas Show Evening)		75.00
Jordan Twining (Sound Technician Trinity)		105.00
Donna Stewart (Christmas Show Lunch)		75.00
Bob Dykstra (Christmas Show Emcee)		150.00
Guardian Angels Church (Show Usage)		300.00
Valley Trophy Inc. (Awards)		221.72
Valley Trophy Inc. (Nametags)		13.15
Robert Hallquist Band (Installation Party)		415.00
The Grand (Installation Dinner)		1,255.87
Jerry Gibson (Gas - Transport Risers)		35.00
Phyllis Paulson (Chapter Scrapbook)		35.81
Mahtomedi Chamber Singers		200.00
St. Paul Lutheran (Dec. Rehearsal Usage)		35.00
Tyler Smith (2 Christmas DVDs - YHI Promotions)		20.00
LO'L District - COTs - Members		<u>765.00</u>
Cash Disbursements	\$	3,986.54
Funds carried over from November	\$	7,112.16
December Receipts		4,015.00
December Disbursements		<u>3,986.54</u>
Checkbook Balance	\$	7,140.62
Uniform Deposit		1,367.00
Youth in Harmony		2,011.01
Social Fund		846.51
Compact Disc Fund		<u>3,000.00</u>
		(83.90)
Compact Disc (A Christmas Present)	\$	3,846.00
6 sold \$60		

Moved/ Warren Wilson, Second/Dick Kelm, Motion Carried to receive the December 2009 treasurer's report.

Moved/ Don Paulson, Second Judd Orff to move \$846 from the social fund to the general fund.

### Additional Agenda Items

Directors Contract - Dennis Garner

2010 Show Co-chair - Dennis Garner

Performing Members Expectations Form - Judd Orff

### Approval of Agenda

Moved/Jerry Herbst, Second/Roger Bosmoe, Motion Carried to approve the agenda as amended.

## 2. Officer Status Reports

### President - Dennis

Roger submitted a year end report. Dennis's initial report appears in the weekly news.

### Past President Report for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting

Just a note from your outgoing president regarding 2009. I really appreciate the efforts of all of you these past 12 months.

I never realized how smoothly the year would go by when 2009 started and that is definitely a credit to all of you. I think we achieved some great things last year and I was very proud of our chapter's accomplishments.

I wished that we could have ended the year on a more positive note financially.

Our chapter is a member of a harmony society and I feel as a board we worked together in harmony so my deepest thanks to you and I know you will support Dennis in the same way in 2010.

Roger Bosmoe

Secretary - Jerry

## Secretary's Report for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting

### Recent Accomplishments:

A new member kit was received for Tom Reiman and it was presented by Adam at our Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> rehearsal.

A membership card for reinstatement of Justin Swanson was received and was presented to him in December.

Signups for members attending Leadership Academy on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> were completed in early January. Nine of our members attended. In addition, two members were on the staff, one member taught a class, and one member attended Harmony Brigade.

I attended Secretary's classes at Leadership Academy for the second year in a row. This year's classes were much more meaningful having had a year's experience in the job.

Show clearance documents were issued last year for the April 17<sup>th</sup> spring show. They will be issued for the 2010 Christmas show later in the year. ASCAP fees have been paid covering 2009.

### Current Plans:

Review society membership information on ebiz to make sure members email addresses, phone numbers, etc. are up to date.

Issue minutes for the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Items for Board Action:

Approve minutes of November 17, 2009 regular board meeting and one special meeting in November.

Approve minutes of two special meetings in December.

### Income/Expense Matters:

None

Jerry Herbst

### Additional Comments

It's been suggested that the minutes be revised to integrate the officers' reports directly into the minutes. The January minutes will be issued in this format. At our February board meeting we will decide whether we want to continue with the new format or return to the old

Chorus Manager - Tyler

## Chorus Manager Report for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting

### Recent Accomplishments:

Great Christmas Show. Sang to large audiences, made the usual \$2,500+ net profit for each chorus. The Mahtomedi High School Chamber Singers were wonderful. Things went very smooth, thanks to all. We have done these shows for so many years that everyone knows what to do.

The Officer Installation Party went well. It was unfortunate that we not only had to change locations but we also had to change the date due to the snow storm. The Grand Banquet Hall was a great place and they went "out of their way" to accommodate us. We should seriously consider going there again in 2010.

Woody's Party was a lot of fun and was well attended. More bowlers than ever before and some of us also got a chance to play BINGO. Many thanks to Brad Smith for donating the bowling and the nice meal setup. Keep Woody's in mind for some meals this year.

As usual our Chapter provided the most participants in the LOL Leadership Academy in Menomonie, WI, on January 8th & 9th; including two instructors, one of which was the Dean of the school.

### Current Plans:

Guardian Angels Catholic Church representative called and said that they will not need to use our risers. He thanked us for our offer.

Singing Valentines activities are in full swing. We will sing three days – Feb 12/13/14th.

Paid performance at Memorial Lutheran Church in Afton on Sunday, March 7th.

Our Annual Show is on Saturday, April 17th.

June Church performances will be in Hudson – Ruwal Freese is the coordinator.

Como concert is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Note: Our 2010 SCV Calendar of Events is on the SCV website.

### Items for Board Action:

Approve summer church dates of June 20, July 18 and August 15th.

Use Grand Banquet Hall for 2010 Officer Installation Party on December 7th.

Tyler Smith as Christmas Show Co-Chair.

Reschedule July Board Meeting night, we sing at Como that night. Also sing at Farm Fest in River Falls that afternoon.

Tyler Smith

Marketing & PR - Mac

Marketing & PR VP Report for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

- Got some good pictures at Annual Meeting
- 4 big awards were sent separately with Pic's
- News Releases going every other week.
- Started Singing Valentines & Show dates
- Picked up some good stuff at Leadership Academy
- Updated News Masthead

Current Plans:

- Trying to get back into waiting rooms with Harmonizers
- Always looking for more info on events

Items For Board Action:

- None

Mac Barlass

Chapter Development - Adam

Chapter Development VP Report for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting

Most men who decide to leave the BHS do so within the first two years of their becoming a member. Over 20% of our current chapter membership is made up of members that have three years or less in the Society. My goal this year is, not only to gain more new members, but make sure we retain the members we have.

Accomplishments:

I looked back at the minutes from January 13, 2009 and Roger's goal for new members by the end of the year was nine. We met that mark in December 2009 with the acceptance of Tom Reiman's membership application. 2009's new members were: *Tim Solie, Mark Bergland, Richard Baumann, Ruwal Freese, Wayne Erickson, Wayne Elsenpeter, Dale Schueffner, Justin Swanson, & Tom Reiman*

Unfortunately, we also lost a member: *Norm Becker*

Two membership applications have been distributed since January 1, 2010. The two men they were given to are Gary Sumner and Ron Phillips. Gary has been voice tested by Matt Hall and will be singing in the baritone section. Ron has not been voice tested by Matt but has been singing next to the tenor section leader, Duane Schuh the past two rehearsals. Duane is very impressed with Ron's singing ability and feels he would be a wonderful addition to the chorus.

We have had three guests attend our rehearsals/chapter meetings so far this year.

Adam Blegen

### Music & Performance - Judd

## Music & Performance Report for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting

### Recent Accomplishments:

We are set for Sunday, our 1-17-10 performance, and have over 30 singers signed up.

All show music will be in our books, except for "On Wisconsin", by 1-19-10.

The music folders are set-up to keep all our repertoire songs current and singable until we record in mid May.

### Current Plans:

2010 promises to be a banner year for St. Croix Valley Chapter. We have several performances lined up, new music to learn, and a C.D. to produce.

I am in the process of developing a commitment chart (lifted from GNU) for each member to sign for 2010. I will have a sample at the board meeting.

We are set for Sunday, our 1-17-10 performance, and have over 30 singers signed up.

I have scheduled rehearsals through February 23rd. Tyler will publish them a week in advance in the weekly news.

Matt and I are working on selecting a new up-tune for our May division contest package.

### Items for Board Action:

None

Judd Orff

## Youth in Harmony - Warren

### YIH Coordinator for January 19, 2010 Board Meeting

#### Recent Accomplishments:

January, 2010 YIH Festival

- Matt Hall was the clinician for the young men (Thanks Matt for doing this with about 4weeks notice)

- Doug Miller directed our finale', Harmony, which he arranged'

- Liz Miller (Turba) was the clinician for the young women

- Judy Olson was the clinician for the collegiate chorus

I'll give verbal highlights at our meeting.

Youth Ensemble for 2009 Christmas Concert - You've seen the write up by Tyler on making the presentation to the Mahtomedi Chamber Singers for \$200. So why am I smiling?

#### Current Plans:

Get all the paperwork done for the YIH Festival and send it to BHS

Get a high school ensemble for the 2010 Christmas concert

#### Items for Board Action:

None

Warren Wilson

#### Additional Comments

Total number of students attending the YIH Festival - 113. Written evaluations were turned in by 110 students and 3 educators which is more than enough to qualify for a \$1000 donation from the Harmony Foundation.

Warren thanked the members of our chorus who volunteered to assist.

#### Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

No report.

#### 3. Committee Reports.

##### Annual Show - Adam

A Show flyer has been published by Tyler. All music except for *On Wisconsin* and *Varsity* has been issued. Combined chorus music has been sent to the singing statesmen. Uniforms for the first half will be varsity sweaters. Dick Law has provided college posters which can be hung on-stage. Jerry will

arrange to have sponsorship literature available for our membership. An assistant show chair has not yet been selected.

Mac suggested that a chair, assistant chair, and a stage manager be appointed for each show.

#### 2009 Christmas Show - Tyler

The Christmas show netted \$2500 for each chorus. It went very smooth and many positive comments were received. The VdC expects to have their chorus ready for a Christmas show next year.

#### 4. Old Business

##### Spring Blood Drive - Mac

The blood drive is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Stillwater Elks.

##### GiveMN - Jerry

At our November board meeting a question came up as to whether our chapter being incorporated in Wisconsin had any bearing on our membership in GiveMN.org. The answer is we can become a member but some benefits would not be available to us. The procedure for incorporating in the state of Minnesota was then investigated but Jerry's final recommendation was that we should not change our incorporation.

Jerry will proceed with signing our chapter up with GiveMN.org.

#### 5. New Business

##### Summer Church Sing outs

A June 20<sup>th</sup> sing out will be in Hudson, coordinated by Ruwal Freese. July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> dates have been selected, with one possibly in Woodbury or Cottage Grove. Coordinators are needed.

##### Grand Banquet Hall for 2010 Officers Installation Party

The total cost of this venue compares closely with Tartan Park. Moved/Mac Barlass, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to schedule our 2010 installation banquet at the Grand Banquet Hall in Stillwater.

##### Tyler Smith Christmas Show Co-Chair

Tyler volunteered to co-chair the 2010 Christmas show, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010.

Rescheduled July Board Meeting - Sing at Como 7/20

The July board meeting is rescheduled for July 27th.

6. Additional Agenda Items

Director's Contract - Dennis

The 2010 director's contract has only one change - Matt will be requested to attend a board meeting once each quarter and give a director's report.

2010 Show Co-chair - Dennis Garner

We will work with Adam to select a co-chair for the spring show.

Performing Member's Expectations Form - Judd Orff

Judd presented a performing member's expectation form that is used by GNU. In addition to containing expectations for each member, it includes a list of shows, sing outs, and other chapter activities which members sign up for in advance. Judd suggested SCV consider adopting a form like this.

7. Adjourn

Moved/Jerry Herbst, Second/Adam Blegen, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald W. Herbst, Secretary  
January 21, 2009