

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

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

1. Meeting called to order by Roger Bosmoe at 6:06 pm with the song, *Oh Honey*.

Approval of Minutes

One correction to the February 10, 2009 meeting minutes - Roger sent the thank you letter to Woody's instead of Mac.
Moved/Warren Wilson, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to approve the minutes as revised of the February 10, 2009 meeting.

Receive Treasurer's Report

Moved/Dick Kelm, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to receive the February treasurer's report.
Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried to receive the March treasurer's report.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as written.

2. Officer Status Reports

President - Roger

Roger has recommended that approved board meeting minutes be posted for all members to read. The January and February minutes will be made available starting at the next rehearsal.
Written report accepted.

Secretary - Jerry

Membership kits for Mark Bergland and Richard Bauman were received.
Written report accepted.

Chorus Manager - Tyler

Tyler is asking our membership to be more diligent in signing up for events on the sign-up sheets.

Tyler and Jackie Patrick have arranged for the VdC risers to be used at the March 22nd concert at Woodbury Central Park. Warren Wilson has agreed to transport the risers.

Written report accepted.

Marketing & PR - Mac

Short information sheets which contain tips members can use to recruit new members will be passed out by Mac at next week's rehearsal.

Mac has received several copies of *The Harmonizer* for distribution to medical and business offices. He is asking for ideas as to where to distribute the magazines.

He also asked for input on what the chorus is doing that is new in 2009 for news release purposes.

Written report accepted.

Chapter Development - Adam

Six of our members attended Bruce Odell's Joe Barbershopper class last Saturday in Bloomington. Total attendance was 60 people.

No written report.

Music & Performance - Judd

Written report accepted.

Youth in Harmony - Warren

Dennis Garner presented a news release photo of the YIH Festival which appeared in the Chisago newspaper.

Written report accepted.

Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

Louis raised a question about the number of quartets singing for Valentines Day. There were five quartets.

No written report

3. Committee Reports.

YIH - Sponsor Vicky Salmon for Harmony College - consensus

Warren has included funds in his budget request for a scholarship for Vicky Salmon to Harmony College. A formal request to send her will be postponed until the April board meeting.

Report on Spring Show - Jerry

We've changed the program to use a dedicated MC, and Bob Dykstra has agreed to be the MC. Informal uniforms with blazers will be worn during the first half with Tuxes worn for the second half.

Tyler has all travel and lodging arrangements made for our headliner quartet. We are following Judd's music rehearsal schedule and should have our songs well polished by show time.

For the 2010 show, the Singing Statesmen from UWEC were invited to join us. Their director is checking their schedule and will notify us next week if they are available.

4. Old Business

2009 Budget

Don's proposed budget for 2009 is \$29,192.

Moved/Mac Barlass, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to accept the proposed budget.

Meeting this budget will depend upon promoting show ticket sales, selling sponsorships and ads, and/or asking our members to be a sponsor.

Further Discussion on Bottle Holders

Mac has proposed to provide logo water bottle holders for chorus members.

They cost \$3.50 each and members would be asked to pay \$1.50. A decision will be postponed until the next meeting when more funding information becomes available.

5. New Business

Approve \$12 Per Man Ticket Price for Chordsmen

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried that the chorus will pay for \$12 tickets for each member that sings in the division chorus contest.

Per district policy, non singers do not need a ticket.

Approve Richard Bauman for Membership

Moved/Warren Wilson, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to approve Richard Bauman as a member of the chapter.
Duane Hall conducted and approved a voice test for Richard.

Scholarship for Mini-Hep School

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/warren Wilson, Motion Carried for the chorus to provide up to five scholarships for our members to attend Mini-Hep school in June. The cost per chorus member is \$109/\$119 for up to ten members.
Warren plans to attend as a YIH chaperone.

6. Adjourn

Moved/Dick Kelm, Second/Adam Blegen, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2009 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Herbst, Secretary
March 12, 2009

President Report for March 10, 2009 Board Meeting

Being it's my birthday, I'm looking forward to a very good meeting. I feel we have gotten off to a pretty good year. The one thing that will make it a very special month will be our performance in Stillwater in the Division Contest.

One concern: Our 2009 budget is dependent heavily on our Show ticket sales and our sponsorship sales.

Considering the financial situation for most companies, we might have a challenge selling \$7000 worth of sponsorships.

Membership is going well with 3 new seemingly very interested members. I'm hoping for 6 to 7 more new members and we need to assist Adam in getting this done. I discussed this with Adam and I would like to award someone at the end of the year for bringing the most guests during 2009.

We haven't made a practice of making our monthly minutes available to the membership. After the monthly minutes have been approved. Is there any reason why they shouldn't be posted somewhere for our members to read? Let's talk about it.

Secretary Report for March 10, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

1. The Land O' Lakes District Achievement Awards - 2008 Reporting Form was completed and mailed to Dick Teeters in February.
2. Two insurance certificates have been requested for Trinity Lutheran Church and the Stillwater Junior High School for the division contest.
3. New member applications for Mark S. Bergland and Timothy L. Solie have been approved by the board.
4. A new member application for Richard W. Baumann has been submitted to BHS by Paul Boettcher
5. A new member kit has been received for Tim Solie but not for Mark Bergland. The BHS has been contacted to determine the membership status of Mark. Both applications were sent at the same time.

Current Plans:

Secure new member kit for Mark Bergland.

Items for Board Action:

Approve Richard Baumann as a new member.

Income/Expense Matters:

None

Chorus Manager Report for March 10, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

Completed a successful Singing Valentines Day program. We have realized a profit in excess of \$3,000 which represents the largest profit for any program or show we put on during the complete year. Many thanks to our volunteer quartets and Dick Kelm for all the work they do. And by the way, it's a lot of fun. Because Valentines Day fell on Saturday we scheduled requests on Friday & Saturday. In fact we had one quartet that sang Valentines on Thursday & Sunday too.

Current Plans:

Our next performance is at Woodbury Central Park on Sunday afternoon, March 22, 2009.

We are hosting the 10,000 Lakes/Southwest Division Chorus & Quartet Contest on March 27 & 28, 2009. The quartet contest will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on

Friday night and the chorus contest at the Stillwater Junior High School in Stillwater on Saturday. Judd Orff is the Contest Chairman. GNU will be singing just for score and evaluations and are providing their risers. It looks like we will have 11 choruses and at least that many quartets participating. Two of our new quartets, Summertime and M&D, are competing for the first time.

Our Annual Spring Show is scheduled for April 18, 2009, at the Stillwater Area Senior High School. Jerry Herbst is the Show Chairman. Our "headliner" quartet is Vocal Spectrum from the St. Louis, MO. Area, and our second quartet is our own Talk Of The Town, plus a few chapter quartets.

Our Singing For Life Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th at the Stillwater Elks Club. Mac Barlass and I are the co-chairmen of the event.

We have been asked to sing on Memorial Day at Greenwood Cemetery in River Falls – an annual outing.

We will continue to make additional plans for the year in the coming months.

Items for Board Action:

None

Income/Expense Matters:

We have made a profit in excess of \$3,000 for our Singing Valentines. Our performance fee for Woodbury Central Park is \$300.

Major upcoming expenses are for our Annual Spring Show; the first of which will be the air travel cost for Vocal Spectrum which has already been paid. There will also be some pre-show expenses for the school rental deposit.

Marketing/PR Report for March 10, 2009 Board Meeting

Completed:

- 4 NR on Singing Valentines
- Teaser NR on Div Contest
- Teaser NR on Annual Show
- Sent 3 items to Pitch Piper
- Launched recycling of Harminizer Magazines
- Listed Annual Show on Stillwater Chamber Calendar

Plans:

- Introduce "Elevator Speech" Tonight
- More for "Pitchpiper"
- Grant check presentation NR

Board Action items:

Revisit bottle holder project.
Scholarships for Mini-Hep School???

Music & Performance Report for March 10, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments

1. Scheduled rehearsals through March 10, 2009. Balance of rehearsals until April 14th will be coordinated with Matt Hall to work on show songs in need.
2. Met with show committee to review script and costume issues.

Current Plans:

1. Schedule songs for March 22, 2009.
2. Assist director in contest songs for March 28th.

Items for Board Action:

None

Income/Expense Matters:

None

DIVISION CONTEST CHAIRMAN REPORT FOR MARCH 10, 2009 BOARD MEETING

Recent Accomplishments:

1. Held meeting with Trinity Lutheran Church and received deduction on Friday night rental fee.
2. Tyler contacted all chorus' in 10,000 Lakes & Southwest Division to urge them to compete in the contest.
3. Contacted C.A. Bill Ray about travel plans for judges and numerous other questions about the contest.
4. Prepared a welcome letter to all contestants with line-up and times of performance.
5. Todd Smith will handle concessions on Saturday at the SJHS.

Current Plans:

1. Select chapter members to help on contest day to be runners, ticket takers and ushers.
2. Tyler will serve as judge's services chairman and see to their transportation needs.

Items for Board Action:

Approve \$12.00 per man ticket price for St. Croix Valley.

Income/Expense Matters:

None

Youth In Harmony Report for March 10, 2009 Board Meeting

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ITEM: January, 2010 YIH Festival

- JERRY KICKED OFF THE 2010 FESTIVAL BIG TIME! Due to his efforts and golden pen, the Wisconsin Arts Board via the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation has awarded \$1000 for the 2010 Festival.
Thank You Jerry
- Jon Buss, initiated contact with James Estes about bringing in a competition/winning quartet from the 2009 Collegiate Quartet International Competition. James has replied in the affirmative.
- Jon also asked James if he would consider being the vocal clinician for the men. He indicated he would like to but he has to be asked by our District President, Doug Miller, who also indicated he would do so. It is a strong possibility that we will have both the Collegiate Champs and James at the 2010 festival.
- Doug Miller was asked if he would direct our finale, "Harmony," which he arranged. He would like to do so, if all works out time-wise. Collegiate Champs, James Estes, and Doug Miller – What could be better?

We have the potential of having a block-buster festival on January 16 – Let's get the HS guys out!!!!!!

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: Victoria (Vickie) Salmon to Harmony College

- Vickie is available for the dates of the Harmony College; a LO'L District Scholarship is available and I've sent the required information to Josh Oxley, District YIH Grand Poo Pah.
- I spoke with Jon Buss and Steve Osero, Indian Head, about the possibility of sponsoring Vickie if the scholarship doesn't come through. They are agreeable to do this with us. We do have \$\$\$ in our budget to sponsor ½ of Vickie plus ½ of her transportation. I strongly suggest we do this.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: Consensus

ITEM, FYI: Storm Front Coming to River Falls – the promotion has started. Wissota, which placed 4th in the Youth Chorus competition will also perform and they will treat this as an annual show.

ITEM: Tickets for WISSOTA Singers and High School Youth

- WISSOTA has been apprised that we will sell them thicketts at \$8.00 per ticket for the annual concert and they are asked to respond with the number of tickets they want by April 1.
- Jerry, Ted and I are discussing what we can offer high school students and the MEs for tickets to have a full house.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: Youth Ensemble for 2009 Christmas Concert

- The Mahtomedi High School Choral Director has been contacted and is interested in pursuing this further.
An April meeting is in the offing.

ON THE PLATE

- To get high school quartets to perform for and maybe with us, including: Spring Valley, Stillwater, Forest Lake and any other quartet that comes to our attention. This is going to take some coordination with our M&P VP (Judd) and Matt, so we can accommodate their performance in our rehearsal schedule.
- Send youth to HXC – we have 5, 100%, scholarships available.