

# ST. CROIX VALLEY CROIX CHORDSMEN

## Combined Reports – SCV – April 2009 Board Meeting

### BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6 pm, Tuesday, April 14, 2009  
@ St Paul Lutheran Church – Stillwater, MN

1. Call Meeting To Order - Roger Bosmoe
  - Approval of Minutes action
  - Receive Treasurer's Report action
  - Additional Items - all action
  - Approval of Agenda as revised action
  
2. Officer Status Reports:
  - President – Roger info
  - Secretary –Jerry info
  - Chorus Manager – Tyler info
  - Marketing/PR – Mac info
  - Chapter Development - Adam info
  - Music & Performance –Judd info
  - Youth In Harmony – Warren info
  - Board Members at Large – Dick & Louis info
  
3. Committee Reports:
  - 2009 Show – Jerry Info
  - Input re- uniform costs info
  
4. Old Business info/action
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5. New Business info/action
  - Summer Church Dates info/action
  - Change of July Board Meeting info/action
  - Inter-chapter meeting info/action
  
6. Additional Agenda Items:
  
7. Adjourn

# ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 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, Don Paulson, Tyler Smith, Warren Wilson, and Jerry Herbst

1. Meeting called to order by Roger Bosmoe at 6:03 pm with the song, *My Wild Irish Rose*.

### Receive Treasurer's Report

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Mac Barlass, Motion Carried to receive the treasurer's report for March.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved/Warren Wilson, Second/Dick Kelm, Motion Carried to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 board meeting.

### Approval of Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda: Approval of sing out at Boutwells Landing on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and approval of booking the Singing Statesman for the 2010 spring show.

Moved/Dick Kelm, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried to approve the agenda as revised.

2. Officer Status Reports

### President - Roger

Roger expressed being pleased with the chorus being off to a great start this year. He re-emphasized his chorus goals which are singing better, increasing membership, and having fun. Written report accepted.

### Secretary - Jerry

Two corrections are needed for the secretary's report so it will be revised and reissued. Written report accepted with corrections.

### Chorus Manager - Tyler

Written report accepted.

### Marketing & PR - Mac

The water bottle holder project remains on hold pending funding availability.

Any chorus news releases in news media of outlying areas should be brought to Mac's attention. The chorus has been invited to a Vallee de Croix family night to be held on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Mac reminded the board to use the chorus expense voucher forms when turning in expenses for better record keeping.

Written report accepted.

### Chapter Development - Adam

Adam is developing schedules with Judd's help for the three upcoming guest nights. He has quartets lined up and is seeking a youth group. Roger suggested a youth group from Trinity Church.

He also asked that members turn in guest forms so guests can be invited.

No written report.

### Music & Performance - Judd

We will again be invited to sing for the Veterans Day Service at Trinity Church in November. This year it will be a big event, with direct telecasting to/from Iraq, and the speaker addressing us from Iraq.

Written report accepted.

### Youth in Harmony - Warren

Vicky Salmon was not selected for a scholarship to Harmony University, but the issue is not yet resolved as other avenues may be pursued.

Written report accepted.

### Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

No report

## 3. Committee Reports.

### 2009 Show - Jerry

A written report summarizing the show status was submitted to board members.

Group tickets were offered to the residents of Boutwells Landing. Thirty reserved seats for the two shows were offered for \$8 general admission prices. Thirteen tickets were sold, mostly for the 3 PM show.

Tyler will be asking for help in stuffing the mailing list/drawing forms in the programs Friday night.

The school will not be letting us in Thursday night so there will be some extra set up work on stage Friday night. Members will be asked to stay off the stage unless they are asked to help.

Chorus members will be asked to distribute cards and pens after each show to recruit new members.

### Division Contest - Judd

The contest went very smooth despite some administrative issues. There's a possibility next years division quartet and chorus contests may be held at Trinity Church, but a decision is not yet final.

### House of Delegates - Judd

Moved/Dennis Garner, Second/Dick Kelm, Motion Carried to appoint Judd Orff as chorus delegate to the May House of Delegates meeting. The meeting is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Stevens Point.

### Input re-uniform costs - Roger

Roger informed the board of his concern for the increasing cost of members' uniforms - \$530 for the Tux and informal outfits. Members still have the option to buy them. Some are being returned by retiring members.

The cost of music is also becoming more expensive and Norm is concerned that some members have not turned in their music. Roger plans to contact the section leaders and have them ask delinquent members to turn in their music.

## 4. Old Business

### Further Discussion on Bottle Holders

A decision on the bottle holders will be postponed until more funding becomes available.

### Uniform and Music Policies

New members need be informed of chorus uniform and music policies. Roger has covered the uniform policy with our new members.

## 5. New Business

### Summer church Sing outs

The board agreed to scheduling church sing outs on July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. June 14<sup>th</sup> had already been scheduled for Beldenville, Wisconsin. Churches of several board members have extended invitations to the chorus. The next step is to select and schedule the churches we will visit.

### Approve Boutwells Landing Sing out

Moved/Jerry Herbst, Second/Dennis Garner, Motion Carried to approve a chorus performance at Boutwells Landing on June 20<sup>th</sup>. They have us scheduled from 2 PM to 3 PM for their gala open house which features their new care center. Their new auditorium has three levels so risers won't be needed for the chorus.

### Approve the Singing Statesmen for the 2010 Show

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Warren Wilson, Motion Carried to approve booking the Singing Statesmen from UWEC for the 2010 spring show.

### July Board Meeting Date Change

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried to change the date of the July board meeting to July 7<sup>th</sup>.

The July 14<sup>th</sup> date conflicts with our Como Park sing out.

### Comedy Quartet Night in Bloomington

The Bloomington chorus will be sponsoring a comedy quartet event on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. It was proposed that rehearsal be cancelled for that night so members can attend.

### Joint Rehearsal with Polk-Burnett County

It was propose that the board consider inviting the Polk-Burnett County chapter to be our guests at a rehearsal in June.

### 6. Adjourn

Moved/Dennis Garner, Second/Jerry Herbst, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jerry Herbst, Secretary, April 15, 2009

## **President Report for April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

As President, I would to thank the board for your diligence and teamwork in these first few months of 2009. I know things are very busy with all your duties and your help putting on the Division Contest and competing at one of our highest levels and now with the Spring Show. I am truly amazed at the teamwork that you have shown. Thank you.

After the Spring Show, we look ahead to three guest nights and what an opportunity we have to increase our chorus size. We as board members need to set the example and bring guests. We could have 60 on stage for our District competition. That would be awesome!

I have received many positive remarks regarding our format for rehearsals and I hope we can continue in that same structure. Thanks to Judd for his extra effort each week in making it possible. Our three goals; Sing better , Increase our membership and Have Fun!

I think we are off to a great start so lets keep it going

## **Secretary Report for April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

### **Recent Accomplishments:**

1. Two insurance certificates requested for the Stillwater Junior High School for the division contest and for the Stillwater Area High School had to be reissued to ISD 834. They were initially issued to the schools. The district is the holder of all insurance certificates issued for use of ISD 834 schools.
2. New member kits have been received from the BHS for Mark Bergland and Richard Bauman. They were presented to these new members by Adam Blegen, so we are all caught up with new members.
3. A new policy has been established regarding posting of the meeting minutes. Minutes for previous and current meetings for 2009 will be posted on the chapter web site so that all members can be informed of board meeting decisions. Hard copies of these same meeting minutes will be kept in a ring binder and will be available at chapter rehearsals for members to read.

So that we can post accurate meeting minutes, board members will be asked to submit any corrections to the secretary soon after the "draft" minutes are issued. The corrected minutes with officer reports will then be sent to Tyler for posting.

4. I would like to thank Paul Boettcher for all the help he's given me with getting started in the secretary's position and for handling some of the duties so that I could spend time on the spring show.

### **Current Plans:**

Issue minutes for April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Items for Board Action:**

Approve minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Income/Expense Matters:**

None

## **Chorus Manager Report for April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

### **Recent Accomplishments:**

Completed a very successful Division Contest. We anticipate making between \$400 - \$500 for SCV. All SCV members can be proud of all the work we did and it was great to receive this years awards of Division Champions, Plateau AA Champions and "Most Improved Chorus." Thanks to all.

### Current Plans:

Our next performance is our Annual Spring Show this coming Saturday, April 18, 2009.

We are hosting our Singing For Life Blood Drive on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Stillwater Elks Lodge #179.

We will sing on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, at Greenwood Cemetery in River Falls.

Boutwells Landing has asked us to sing in their new auditorium on June 20<sup>th</sup>, paying us \$300.

We need to schedule our Summer Church performances for June, July and August. Adam Blegen has volunteered to handle the June churches but we don't have a date yet.

The Como Park, St. Paul multi-chorus performance is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

We have reserved Tartan Park for our Officer Installation Party on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

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

### Items for Board Action:

Decide on Summer Church Performance dates and coordinators.

Change our July Board Meeting to July 7<sup>th</sup> due to Como Park Performance on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Income/Expense Matters:

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 and program printing.

## **Marketing/PR Report for April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

### Accomplishments:

- New Releases on City Center Concert, Contest results, Show and Guest night.
- Have collected 14 magazine for office/waiting rooms
- Met with Red Cross Rep to plan "Singing For Life" May 9th.
- Put Show announcements on:
  - LOL Net Listing
  - Art Reach Alliance calendar
  - Stillwater Area Chamber Weekly News
- Show Tech coordination meetings ( 3 )

### Plans for Action:

- News releases on Grant, Guest nights, Memorial Day,
- Solicit locations for Harmonizer Recycling
- Post Show contacts

Board Action:

I have come upon a conflict May 9th. I will have to do the "HOPE HOUSE" Auction that starts at 10 A.M.  
I can still handle PR & some of the planning. Tyler says he can handle it. Wouldn't this be a good chance to bring on a candidate for the 2010 co-chair?

**Music & Performance Report for April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

Recent Accomplishments:

1. Scheduled rehearsals through May 5, 2009
2. Assisted Adam with guest night rehearsals scheduled for next 3 weeks after show April 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Attended Veterans Committee Meeting on behalf of Chordsmen, April 8, 2009.
4. Identified moods for each song on the show.

Current Plans:

1. Work with Matt on summer church performance line-up.

Board Actions:

1. None

**Youth In Harmony Report for April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ITEM: January, 2010 YIH Festival

- Doug Miller will direct our finale', Harmony, which he arranged.
- Doug will also request James Estes to be the clinician for the young men. However, it is not possible to request this until August or September when the Society Staffs' travel plans are being finalized for 2010. The District gets two visits by James per year and he will be at the Harmony Explosion Camp in La Crosse this year ('09). He does have our festival penciled in for January, 2010

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: Somerset High School Men's Quartet.

- Jon Buss (Indian Head) and I coached the quartet on March 25, which was going to do The Longest Time in small ensemble adjudication. However, they were not off paper yet, they had just found their tenor and this was his first rehearsal. The adjudication was March 31 and they didn't have it together so they scratched.
- At the adjudication 4 men's quartets were going to do barbershop songs, three of them, including Somerset, scratched and the Unity quartet is going to the state adjudication.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: Victoria (Vickie) Salmon to Harmony University

- This item has not been resolved. Vickie is still available and is scheduled to attend.
- We do know that the LO'L's scholarship has been given to an educator in Rochester but we have not heard of the status of the other districts' scholarships and whether one is available for Vickie.

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 21 meeting is scheduled with Robert Pontious, the director.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

## II. ON THE PLATE:

Getting 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. We would like to have them at our guest nights but so far Spring Valley and Somerset aren't available.

## **Show Committee Report for April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

### Recent Accomplishments:

1. The Stillwater Area High School permit with payment has been processed.
2. I'm very pleased with the music committee's work, in getting the chorus prepared to deliver an entertaining musical presentation to the audiences.
3. The production aspects of the show are taking shape. Lighting and sound needs have been identified. Set ups of shells, risers, stage extension, etc. are planned for Thursday and Friday night.
4. The school will be providing a lighting technician, and Mac has hired an outside sound technician who is well experienced with stage management.
5. Eight VdC chorus members will be ushers at the two shows. Don Rodahl will be our house manager.
6. The show script is complete except for two announcement additions, and will be ready for Tuesday night. Bob Dykstra will again be our MC.
7. Tyler has all the travel and lodging arrangements made with our headliner quartet.
8. Ticket sales handled again by Ted Bolles are looking good. We're doing some group sales and give-a-ways to high school students to fill the seats Sponsorship will likely be reduced this year as compared to last year.
9. Tyler is printing pages of the program. As soon as all sponsorship pages are complete, the program can be completed.

10. Judd is coordinating the afterglow which will again have a buffet.

11. Adam Blegen has been involved in all 2009 show meeting and other communication. He will be handling all stage management activities, and will be well prepared to chair the 2010 show.

12. I'd like to sincerely thank all chapter members who've been involved with the show. I couldn't ask for better support from this chapter.

Current Plans:

1. Pull together all production aspect of the show Thursday and Friday.
2. Complete final run-throughs Friday and Saturday, making sure everything is coordinated.
3. Put on a great show.

Items for Board Action:

Approval of Singing Statesmen as headliners for 2010 show.

Income/Expense Matters:

Tabulate all income and expenses to determine the show profit level.

Jerry Herbst

## **Division Contest Chairman Report For April 14, 2009 Board Meeting**

Recent Accomplishments:

1. Contest held Friday & Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
2. Many good comments about St. Croix Valley members helping out
3. Budget figures weren't met as attendance was down from 2007

Current Plans:

1. None

Items for Board Action:

1. None

Income/Expense Matters:

1. \$1226.01 Profit    District 2/3 \$817.34    St. Croix 1/3 \$408.67

Judd Orff  
April 10, 2009