

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 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, Warren Wilson, and Jerry Herbst
Member not present - Tyler Smith
Guest - Matt Hall

1. Meeting called to order by Judd Orff at 6:03 pm with the song, *Down Our Way*.

Approval of Minutes

Moved/Don Paulson, Second/Louis Nosan, Motion Carried to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular board meeting, the March 30, 2010 special board meeting, and the April 6, 2010 special board meeting.

Receive Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Recap Report for April 20, 2010 Board Meeting

March Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts

Singing Valentines	\$	160.00
Show Ticket Receipts		<u>344.00</u>
Cash Receipts	\$	504.00

Disbursements

Lake Elmo Bank (Show flyers & stamps)	\$	88.00
First Presbyterian Church (Rehearsal Usage)		40.00
Mac Barlass (Shoes)		7.99
Rivertown Newspaper Group (Valentine Ad)		77.15
Lake Elmo Bank (Show Program Printing)		350.00
Lake Elmo Bank (Food-Show Lunch)		100.00
Donna Stewart (Show Catering)		400.00
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Rehearsal Rental)		140.00
Matthew Hall (April Dir. Fee)		300.00
Tyler Smith (Web site Fee)		<u>20.00</u>

Cash Disbursements \$ 1,523.14

Funds carried over from February	\$	7,781.07
March Receipts		504.00
March Disbursements		<u>1,523.14</u>
Checkbook Balance	\$	6,761.93
Uniform Deposit		1,242.00
Youth in Harmony		1,772.00
Social Fund		282.00
Compact Disc fund		<u>3,000.00</u>
Total		465.93

Compact Disc (A Christmas Present)	\$	3,890.58
2 sold \$20.00		
Dividend 1.00		

Submitted by Don Paulson (Treasurer)

Additional Comments:

Once the show money comes in we'll have a better understanding of what our financial position will be for the rest of the year.

A \$500 check to the Singing Statesmen is not included in the report. This amount was taken from the YIH fund.

Moved/Warren Wilson, Second/Jerry Herbst, Motion Carried to receive the March 2010 treasurer's report.

Additional Agenda Items

Farm Tech Days - Mac Barlass (under old business)

Approval of Agenda

Moved/Dick Kelm, Second/Warren Wilson, Motion Carried to approve the agenda as amended.

2. Officer Status Reports

President - Dennis

No written report.

Secretary - Jerry

Secretary's Report for April 20, 2010 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

A membership application for new member Justin Englebert has been sent to the society.

Current Plans:

Issue minutes for the April 20th board meeting.

Items for Board Action:

Approve minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular board meeting.

Approve minutes of the March 30, 2010 special board meeting.

Approve minutes of the April 6, 2010 special board meeting.

Income/Expense Matters:

None

Jerry Herbst April 16, 2010

Chorus Manager - Tyler

Chorus Manager Report for April 20, 2010 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

We had a very successful Spring Show. Many thanks for all who helped. We had a lunch between shows where we consumed a lot of food – 150 sandwiches, 180 bottles of water and many buckets of salad & packages of cookies. We also had a large “spread” at our Afterglow.

Current Plans:

We are also preparing for the 10,000 Lakes Division Chorus Contest as part of the Spring Convention at Mankato on Saturday, May 1st. Actual location of the contest is the High School in Nicollet, MN.

Our Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th, at the Stillwater Elks Club. I still can't understand why it is so hard to fill all of our appointments (50) when we have over 40 members that should be recruiting at least 1 donor. I have personally recruited 9 donors!

Our CD recording will be on Saturday, May 22nd, 9am to 3pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Judd Orff is coordinating the session.

We will be singing on Memorial Day, Monday morning, May 31st at Greenwood Cemetery in River Falls.

Our summer church performances are scheduled for June 20 in Hudson (Ruwal Freese), July 18th in Woodbury (Cliff Turnbull) and August 15th in Scandia & Lindstrom (Richard Baumann & Wayne Elsenpeter). We are planning to have a chorus picnic on August 15th.

We will be performing with many other choruses at Como Park in St. Paul on Tuesday, July 13th.

We will be performing at Farm Fest in River Falls on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 20th.

Items for Board Action:

None

Tyler Smith

Chorus Director - Matt Hall

The sound of our chorus is improving due mainly to growth. Larger membership is giving the chorus more flexibility which is affecting sound quality.

Our second show performance was good but our first show performance was weaker - more like a rehearsal. We were not as prepared at our Friday night rehearsal as we should have been.

The spring show had some learning issues. We are typically better prepared for the Christmas show than for the spring show. All of the show songs were new this year which is usually not the case. Music was made available in January, but when the music is given doesn't seem to matter. We need to find a way to improve the learning curve. The chorus members do like to sing well but to a certain level.

Learning tapes are expensive but we do provide them for more difficult numbers. The benefit of using outside coaching is questionable for learning songs. The use of risers is carefully timed so as not to discourage older members who have difficulty standing for long periods. Should we set "off the music" deadlines? Matt also suggested that to help the chorus get ready for a show; we could schedule a performance before a live audience.

Judd suggested that the music team meet after recording and brainstorm ways to speed up the chorus's learning the music.

Dennis invited Matt to attend board meetings anytime to discuss any chorus issues.

Marketing & PR - Mac

Marketing & PR VP Report for April 20, 2010 Board Meeting

Accomplishments

- 6 news releases for Annual show
- 1 new release on 3M Grant
- Preparation meeting for "Singing fir Life" with Red Cross
- Gave a few Comp tickets to Elks 179

Plans

- Continue with Harmonizer in waiting rooms project
- Develop News Mailing lists for High School Choirs
- Lay out publicity plan for next years Annual show
- Singing for Life Publicity blitz

Board Action - Sponsor Thank You Ads in Paper.

Mac Barlass

Chapter Development - Adam

Chapter Development VP Report for April 20, 2010 Board Meeting

Recent News:

We have gained one new member this past month, Justin Englebert (baritone). He was brought in by Mark Bergland. Justin sang with the Wisconsin Voices before they disbanded.

We had EIGHT members sing on their first annual show with the Croix Chordsmen. They were: Wayne Elsenpeter, Justin Englebert, Wayne Erickson, Ruwal Freese, Ron Phillips, Tom Reiman, Dale Schueffner, & Gary Sumner.

Average attendance at chapter meetings for the first quarter of the year was over 75%.

Items for Discussion:

Possible dates for Guest Nights. I would like to schedule at two nights in a row if possible. Last year we gained three new members from our guest nights.

Adam Blegen

Music & Performance - Judd

Music & Performance Report for April 20, 2010 Board Meeting

Our recording date is set at Trinity Church May 22nd 9to3. We need to bring our own bag lunches to avoid any charge for the kitchen.

We have a full slate of Church Performances and Roger Bosmoe is bringing the church music back to St Paul's for our new guys.

Tuesday May 11th we will be at Bloomington for their "Comedy Quartet Contest"

Contest is May 1st and we hope to use "Old Kentuk" and "Sweetheart of Sg." We have 2 weeks to get a package together that will score enough to make District in Fargo. I believe we can do just that. There are only 4 chorus's in our Division contest and all of them sang in last Fall's contest. We sing 2nd out of 9 which gives all our guys a chance to see a few other chorus's sing.

Chorus evaluations will be held at the school right after the results are announced. We should encourage everyone to be at the evaluations.

Judd Orff

Youth In Harmony

YIH Coordinator for April 20, 2010 Board Meeting

ACCOMPLISHMENTS and NON-ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ITEM: January, 2010 YIH Festival

- \$500 was given to Larry Fisk from the SCV YIH budget, in this, the 2010 FY, in accordance with the verbal agreement among planners from the three sponsoring chapters.
- The BHS YIH Holder of Purse Strings sent a check for \$1,000 to Larry Fisk, Indianhead, and our treasurer for the festival.
- A wrap up meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 13 to wrap up the year and begin planning for the 2010/2011 festival; hopefully a date will be set at this meeting. Items from this meeting will be summarized in our April Board packet.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: YIH 2011 Festival

- Jerry Herbst prepared and submitted a grant application to the SCV Community Arts Council. The grant review is April 29 and Jerry and I plan to attend the review. He was successful last year and hopefully will be again this year. Thank You Jerry.
- Kathy Lucken is preparing a grant application to the "our" (I'm assuming Sweet Ad's) Young Singers Foundation that is similar to Jerry's and she is using Jerry's application as a template.
- The date for the 2011 festival is January 15, at Osceola. Matt and Derek Glenna are on board, Matt as the clinician. After Division Contest the rest of Grand Design will be approached for the quartet's participation as a teaching quartet.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: LO'L Harmony Explosion Camp, June 18-20

- One student from Somerset, Luke Westmorland, has returned his application forms. Following tonight's rehearsal I will send in the forms and the \$140 registration fee. I plan to attend as a chaperone.

ITEM: 2010 Annual Show & UWEC Statesmen Chorus

- All indications I had from Dr. Schwartzhoff and the students were positive following the shows; they were a great bunch of guys. The \$500 donation we gave them was definitely appreciated
- I will be receiving the bill for transportation from the Blackhawk Bus Company, I'll pass the bill on to Don and we should have less than a 10 day turn around.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ON THE PLATE:

- Get a high school ensemble for the 2010 Christmas concert. Lyla Larson has given up trying to schedule St. Andrews as a concert venue so the door is open as to who we get as a youth group. Four potentials have been suggested, including: Hasting HS, Woodbury HS, Somerset HS and the Minnesota Math & Science Academy, Woodbury. This is one item that should be locked in before the end of the school year.

Additional Comments:

For the YIH Festival to be held January 15, 2011, Matt and Derek are considering being involved. After the contest Warren plans to talk to Grand Design to see if they would consider being part of the program.

Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

No report

3. Committee Reports.

Annual Show Wrap-up- Adam

Adam was thankful for the help he received from chorus members. The show went smooth and everyone came through. Eric Garner did a good job as stage manager. Chairing the show was a learning experience for Adam. Matt commented that Adam did a good job of communicating and handling last minute issues as they came up.

Jerry suggested we appoint a show chair for next year and that we keep the momentum going. Now is the time to book a headliner to assure that they'd be available for the 2011 show.

Matt suggested *Lunch Break* as a potential headliner for next year.

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Jerry Herbst, Motion Carried to commend Adam for a doing an outstanding job as show chair.

4. Old Business

Spring Blood Drive - Mac

Because we are running short on donor signups, Mac asked that we try to recruit friends, family, and neighbors to try to get at least 50 names on the donors list.

CD Recording Session - Judd

The recording session is set for Saturday, May 22nd at Trinity Church. Trinity is charging us \$400, but Judd is trying to get a lower price. The recording people have an hourly charge of \$60. Twelve songs will be selected from the black book plus our religious songs. Singers can use music.

Farm Tech Days - Mac

The farm fest is July 20th in River Falls. Mac plans to get the publicity going. The chorus will sing at 4 PM for 50 minutes. We will receive \$200 plus meal vouchers. This will be a good opportunity to promote our new CD. Judd has the contract.

May 11th Trip to Bloomington for Comedy Quartet Contest - Mac

Mac plans to drive the blue bus again this year and plans to make it available to other chapter members.

Attendance is with Matt's approval.

6. Additional Agenda Items

Items added under old business.

Mac passes out expense voucher forms and suggested chapter members use them even if the expense is donated.

7. Adjourn

Moved/Don Paulson, Second/Jerry Herbst, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Next meeting - Tuesday, May 18th at 6 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald W. Herbst, Secretary
April 26, 2010