

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 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 6:07 pm with the song, *Down Our Way*.

Approval of Minutes

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Dick Kelm, Motion Carried to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 board meeting.

Receive Treasurer's Report

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Jerry Herbst, Motion Carried to receive the April treasurer's report.

Approval of Agenda

Three items were added to the agenda: Talent night, teal shirts, and delegate report.

Moved/warren Wilson, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to approve the agenda as revised.

2. Officer Status Reports

President - Roger

Roger announced the chorus trip to Bloomington Tuesday, May 12th, and that there would be no rehearsal. He expressed his encouragement with the results of our guest nights.

Written report accepted.

Secretary - Jerry

Written report accepted.

Chorus Manager - Tyler

The blood drive has 36 donor signups so far. He will ask for worker support tonight.

The chorus has received a \$300 check from Boutwells for the June 20th open house performance.

Written report accepted.

Marketing & PR - Mac

Mac discussed the possibility of the chorus sponsoring a float in parades as we've done in the past. We would want to use it as a recruiting tool. Any marketing ideas are welcome.

Roger plans to appoint a sub committee to look into it.

Written report accepted.

Chapter Development - Adam

Eight guests attended our first guest night and four attended the second. Two were repeats.

Norm agreed to have the picnic this year in connection with a church sing out.

A date needs to be selected - August is a possibility.

Written report accepted.

Music & Performance - Judd

Judd is developing a rehearsal schedule for songs for the Memorial Day service and the June 20th sing out at Boutwells. He plans to incorporate quarteting and octeting into our rehearsals to keep them interesting.

A new song - Great Day - has been selected for the spring show.

Performance judge, Jason Reinhart, is to be invited for fall contest coaching.

Written report accepted.

Youth in Harmony - Warren

After some discussions, it appears Vicky Salmon will likely be getting a scholarship to Harmony University.

Written report accepted.

Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

See next topic.

3. Committee Reports.

Christmas Show Plans

Louis reported that St. Andrews will not be able to accommodate a Christmas show performance because of their busy schedule. A SCV sing out at St. Andrews is a future possibility.

4. Old Business

Water Bottle Holders

This is still on hold pending availability of funds.

5. New Business

Budget Concerns

Don Paulson is concerned about revenues being able to cover chapter spending for this year.

Show ticket sales were up somewhat but sponsorships were down. Dick Kelm suggested we consider raising spring show prices. Ted Bolles is to be consulted on this issue.

3M members will put in for the 3M Volunteer Match again this year which should net \$800.

Judd suggested spending be held to necessities only.

Brat Stand in River Falls (twice?)

Last year the Brat stand netted the chapter \$427. Roger suggested we look into doing it twice this year.

Women's night at a rehearsal

A committee will be looking at having a special night at a rehearsal for our wives/ladies. It was suggested we have special activities for the women and not just singing.

6. Additional Agenda Items

Talent Night

It was suggested we sponsor a talent night as an educational program for young people. We might work with other groups (e.g. Lions) that have similar programs in the community.

Teal Shirts

Adam has located a source on the internet of teal shirts for \$12n to \$14. Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Dennis Garner, Motion Carried to purchase ten additional shirts for members who do not have them.

Delegate Report

Judd represented our chapter at the House of Delegates meeting in Stevens Point on Saturday, May 2nd. He reported the following.

Our chapter took second place in the plateau AA 2008 chapter achievement awards program. Mankato took first place.

Our chapter won a Silver Award from the Harmony Foundation International, Inc. for having contributed \$37.40 per member to Harmony Foundation programs during 2008.

We have 52 chapters in the Land O' Lakes district. Three of those will be folding. Ten are aging and may be gone in several years. Fifteen to twenty chapters are doing fine and eight to ten are considered very strong. The SCV chapter fits into the last category.

The Oshkosh chapter would like to double up with us for dinner in Rochester. Harmony Foundation has a program called "Ambassadors or Song", where members donate on a monthly basis and the money is use to fund music education programs for young people. Up to 30% can be allocated to directly to our chapter or district.

7. Adjourn

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Dennis Garner, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Herbst, Secretary, May 8, 2009

President Report for May 05, 2009 Board Meeting

In regards to our visit to Bloomington's chapter on May 12th, I didn't get input from all of the board members but made the decision to go based on the input that I did get. So

I hope nobody is upset at this decision. We have worked very hard this entire year so I feel we deserve a break to do something a little different.

As for the guest nights, I commend Adam for his work in organizing these three weeks of activity. When we started this year, I said that I would like to see 9-10 new members on stage in Rochester. It sure would be great to get 4 or 5 new members from these guest nights.

In my conversation with Don Paulson, our financial picture doesn't lend it self to much extra spending. I recommend that any spending outside of salaries, music and uniforms for new members should have prior board approval.

Roger

Secretary Report for May 12, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

1. An insurance certificate has been issued to First Presbyterian Church for use of their bus for transporting SCV members to the Bloomington comedy quartet contest.

Certificates covering vehicles are handled differently than those issued for performance venues and require a special vehicle amendment.

Current Plans:

Issue minutes for May 5th meeting.

Items for Board Action:

Approve minutes of April 14th meeting.

Income/Expense Matters:

None

Jerry Herbst
May 3rd, 2009

Chorus Manager Report for May 12, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

Completed a very successful Division Contest. All SCV members can be proud of all the work we did on the show.

Current Plans:

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

Our May 12th rehearsal is cancelled – we will take a “field trip” to the Bloomington, MN, Chapter to participate in their Comedy Quartet Contest event.

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 20th, paying us \$300.

We have scheduled our Summer Church performances for June, July and August. Adam Blegen is handling the June 14th churches, Ron House & Bud Urtel are handling the July 19th churches, and Mac Barlass is handling the August 16th churches.

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:

NONE.

Income/Expense Matters:

We anticipate an income of \$300 for the Boutwells Landing performance.

Music & Performance Report for May 12, 2009 Board Meeting

Just returned from Prelims and have a nasty cold. I really don't have a report as my last 3 weeks have been in support of Adam and his guest nights. We will start our work on church singouts in 2 weeks, plus Memorial Day. Matt has been urged by Tyler and Me to get going on Christmas show stuff and of course next years show.

I contacted Jayson Rynor about a 1 day retreat for us in August or September to get us ready for the Fall contest. He will get back to me soon about his open dates and cost.

Judd

Youth In Harmony Report for May 12, 2009 Board Meeting

YIH Coordinator for May 5, 2009 Board Meeting

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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.
- I sent an e-mail to Josh Oxley and James Estes for clarification but as of this report I've not received a response.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: Youth Ensemble for 2009 Christmas Concert

- I met with Robert Pontious, Director, Mahtomedi High School Choral Program, on April 21 regarding an ensemble from Mahtomedi HS being on the 2009 Christmas Concert. He is excited about the prospect, plans to bring his Chamber Choir of +/- 40 singers but still needs to clear this with his Superintendent because this is billed as a "Christmas Concert." He does not see a problem since an honorarium will be paid and we are not limiting the repertoire of his choir but this is policy and he has to get clearance.
- I gave Robert a copy of "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" (Finale) and told him we would like to have his men sing with us on one song.
- Tyler (and I'm assuming Lyla via Tyler) have been apprised.

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.

Membership Report

Accomplishments:

- Guest Night, April 21 - Eight guests
- Guest Night, April 28 - Four guests, two of them returns from April 21 (Ruwal Freeseo & Wayne Erickson)
- Guest Night, May 5 - ?

Plans:

. A regular rehearsal night in which we invite the families (wives/children) of the chorus members to come observe what an average Tuesday night is like for the Croix Chordsmen.

Board Action:

. Norm has offered to hold a chorus picnic this year and has given me the following dates to work with: June 28 & July 19. Since I have been a member of the Chordsmen, we have always had the picnic coincide with a church sing_out Sunday. If we would like to continue that tradition, I would suggest July 19th {Stillwater SO?}.

Possible Board Action:

- I believe I have found a couple places online where we can order the "California Blue" polo shirts. I have purchased one shirt that I will bring with me tonight. If this is "something the board feels is worth pursuing, I will do some more research and try to find the best price.

Church Sing-out{s), June 14:

. As of this morning, I only have Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Beldenville, WI scheduled (9:00 a.m. Service). Dick KeIn has mentioned a woman at the *River Falls Journal* who expressed some interest in having us sing for her church in Ellsworth, WI. Matthew Hall has suggested that we sing for Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls, WI (8:15 Service). My concern about singing at Ezekiel and Our Savior's is the time crunch we put ourselves in. It could take up to 25 minutes just to get from one church to the other, if we hustle. I don't think it would be fair to the second church if we showed up late to their service.

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Marketing/PR Report for May 05, 2009 Board Meeting

Acomplishments:

- Finished up 6 News releases for the Annual Show
 - Guest night News (3)
 - "Singing for life" (3)
 - Finished YIH Video.

Plans:

- Continue with Memorial Day, and Church Sings News - Special News on Guests

- Take bus to Bloomington.

Board Action:

Put Water Bottle holders on "Hold" pending available funds.

Charges for Bus trip.