

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

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

1. Meeting called to order by Roger Bosmoe at 6:03 pm with the song, *Honey-Little Lize Medley*.

Approval of Minutes

Moved/Warren Wilson, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2009 regular board meeting.

Receive Treasurer's Report

Moved/ Judd Orff, Second/Dick Kelm, Motion Carried to receive the July treasurer's report. In response to Jerry's question, the board decided that only the summary page of the treasurer's report need be included with the combined reports.

Additional Agenda Items

No additional items.

Approval of Agenda

Moved/ (Warren Wilson?), Second/ (Dick Kelm?), Motion Carried to approve the agenda.

2. Officer Status Reports

President - Roger

Roger is pleased with show and contest documents being up to date. He would like to see the chorus move ahead with rehearsing Christmas songs mainly for the benefit of new members.
Written report accepted.

Secretary - Jerry

Written report accepted.

Chorus Manager - Tyler

The Dec 8th reservation for our installation banquet at Tartan Park was rescinded so that Tuesday night is not available to us at Tartan. Options are Tartan on another Tuesday night, the Grand in Stillwater (available on Dec 8th), or the Lake Elmo Event Center. Tyler plans to select one of these options and prefers to keep the price around \$20 per person which is what Tartan charged.
Written report accepted.

Marketing & PR - Mac

Written report accepted.

Chapter Development - Adam

Adam is planning a get-together of our new members to get their photos for our web site and to have them fill out a questionnaire regarding their experiences with their introduction into the chorus. Judd would like to meet with them to prep them for Rochester.
No written report.

Music & Performance - Judd

Judd has been unable to contact Jason Rynor as clinician for our Sept 19th retreat, so he is considering Pete Benson on Sept. 12th instead. Pete would charge \$250 plus mileage. The date also hinges on Matt's availability.

Moved/ (Warren Wilson), Second/ (Ron House), Motion Carried to use Pete Benson as retreat clinician on Sept 12th provided Matt is available.

Written report accepted.

Youth in Harmony - Warren

The 2009 collegiate champion quartet is not available for the 2010 YIH Festival, so the committee is looking at other teaching quartet options. Also James Estes may not be available as a clinician. Judd suggested Scott Perau, director of the Wisconsin Voices.

Written report accepted.

Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

Louis reported there have been no concerns expressed to him by the chorus members.

3. Committee Reports.

Music Selections for both upcoming shows

Tyler reported that Matt has selected the SCV songs for the Christmas show, but the VdC has concerns with some of the choices. Tyler has committee meeting scheduled which should bring Matt and Pat together to iron out the differences. The VdC would also like to have a bell choir in the show for one of the songs.

Sept 19th Retreat - Judd

This was covered under Music & Performance, above

4. Old Business

Assistant Show Chair - Adam

An announcement will be made at rehearsal tonight asking for volunteers.

Follow-up on extended absences

Several non-attending members were contacted by Roger and others. Warren talked to Mike Townsend who may return sometime in the future. Roger contacted Jeff Knight who plans to return

this fall. Warren is trying to reach Justin Swanson. Byron Schultz plans to visit this fall and Ron is following up on Bob Bailey.

Women's night at rehearsal - Roger

Roger is asking for suggestions for a wives night program. Mike suggested wives should be more in tune with what we do in the chorus. Judd suggested our planned interchapter event with the Indianhead chorus could involve wives.

5. New Business

Report on Brat Sales - Don

The River Falls brat stand last weekend netted the chorus \$337.63 in sales and donations. Paul Boettcher plans to announce the results to chorus members at rehearsal tonight.

Nominating Committee - Ron

Ron reported his committee is getting close to having a full slate of candidates for the 2010 offices. Candidate announcements are scheduled for Sept 22nd, Sept 29th, and Oct. 6.

Ideas for Money Making

Farm Tech Days is an event being planned for July 2010 in Clifton Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin. The committee is willing to pay \$200 per hour for musical performances, so this may be a money making opportunity for our chorus and quartets. The event is scheduled for July 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

6. Adjourn

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald W. Herbst, Secretary
August 20, 2009

President Report for August 11, 2009 Board Meeting

Things are sailing along pretty well and I hope we have completed all the required reports needed for this year. Looks like Jerry has done a good job on the required reports. I'm not sure how we are doing with all the membership renewals. I have heard of some problems because of cut-backs in staff at Nashville.

Some people have expressed some concern regarding the need to get going on our Christmas music. Not so much for the seasoned members but for the new members who will need to learn all the music. Hopefully, It will all come together.

I also have concerns about our chapter finances. It looks like our Brat and Hot Dogs sales were down from last year. Plus I have been busy spending money for uniforms for our new members. But that is a nice problem.

Roger

Secretary Report for August 11, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

1. A new membership kit for Ruwal Freese was received from the society and was presented to him at a rehearsal. We are now caught up with membership applications and kits until we have new members joining.
2. Cj-20 confirmation of contest entry for Rochester in October was received on July 27th from Mike Norris, LOL director of contest and judging.
3. Show clearance BMI's and SESAC licenses were received from Robert Brey, LOL district secretary, for the December 5, 2009 Christmas show and the April 17, 2010 spring show.

Current Plans:

Issue minutes for August 18th meeting.

Items for Board Action:

Approve minutes of July 21st meeting.

Income/Expense Matters:

None

Chorus Manager Report for August 11, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

Our Chapter Quartets have been very active in our St. Croix Valley area performing for many groups and activities.

The barbershop Harmony Open was a huge success – we sent a \$6,000.00 check to harmony Foundation.

Current Plans:

Singing in Stillwater churches on Sunday, August 23rd in Stillwater. Chapter picnic at Sylvia & Norm's home in Somerset, Wisconsin that afternoon.

We are active in our work leading up to the LOL Fall Chorus Contest.

We will sing in a Rochester church that Sunday morning Autumn Ridge Church.

Christmas Show tickets will be available in September. The show format will be essentially the same as last year. Rehearsal schedule is found on our SCV Annual calendar which can be found on the website. I will also publish the detail information in the Weekly News editions.

Items for Board Action:

None

Marketing/PR Report for August 11, 2009 Board Meeting

Accomplishments:

News Releases for Churches and Dome and Anaheim

Working on:

Bottle Holders

Recycling Harmonizers

For Board Action:

Nothing at this time

I'll be on vacation until Aug. 22nd.

I can be reached on my cell phone (651) 230-2472

Sincerely Mac

Music & Performance Report for August 18, 2009 Board Meeting

In the last 4 weeks, I've tried to vary the schedule and make it fun for everyone.

Cliff has urged me to reactivate the "Barbershopole Cat" program and that has been successful thus far. I still don't have a clinician lined up for our Sept. retreat. It seems as though Jason Rynor has fallen off the face of the earth.

Tyler has done a great job of pushing the Christmas music along and we will start running through them in the next few weeks.

Contest is shaping up and I'm suggesting we wear our full tux for the 2 songs.

Our new members have or will receive learning tapes from their section leaders in order to get them up to speed on all our songs.

No board action requested.

Youth In Harmony Report for August 18, 2009 Board Meeting

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ITEM: January, 2010 YIH Festival

- **NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO THE BELOW ARE IN BOLD FOR THIS our August meeting**
- 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
- The planning team is continuing to work with James Estes to get the Collegiate Champion quartet as the men's teaching quartet – **WE KNOW THE COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE – GOING BACK TO PLANS “B” AND “C,” WHAT EVER THEY BE – WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER QUARTETS INCLUDING VOCALITY AND EXPEDITION – WE ARE NOT AT A POINT OF CUTTING BAIT, BUT WE ARE CLOSE ANY SUGGESTIONS?**
- A planning team meeting is being scheduled for August to ramp up our activities – **WE MET – SEE BELOW**

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: January 2010 YIH Festival – August Planning Team Meeting

- The women on the planning team have selected the director (Liz Turba), the choreographer (Judy Olson, Division 6 poopah), the music - two barbershop pieces, the teaching quartet (Espresso) and the weather (sunny, mid-60s)
- We will again be in Osceola, January 16, 2010, and we will have lunch in the mid-school cafeteria
- We are in touch with Wisconsin Singers to have a role in the festival, no response at this time
- We have no response from James Estes, via Doug Miller, at this time – this is seriously hampering our planning for the clinician(s), the teaching quartet, and our ability to set up Masters'-Type classes in the schools
- I've been asked to follow up with the community access cable network in Stillwater to see if we can reproduce 2009 Festival DVD to send to the music educators at a cost similar to what is available for the Christmas shows, which they also record -- +/- \$1.00 per copy. Nothing at this time.
- We want the initial correspondence to Music Educators (MEs) to go out 1st or 2nd week of September
- We want learning tapes to go out to all of the schools that commit having students attend the festival; similar to what (Curt, Duane(s), and I did for Osceola last year. But first we have to have a director and select the songs.
- We will again be asking for volunteers from our chorus to help. A big thank you to all involved in the past and may the god of philanthropy (Phil for short) smile upon you.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

ITEM: Youth Ensemble for 2009 Christmas Concert

- I'm continuing to stay in touch with Bob Pontious, Mahtomedi Choral Director, regarding the concert, which the Chamber Choir is committed to. Matt has been asked to settle on the song that we want the men to sing with us. **OUR SELECTION IS “OH HOLY CHILD;” I'VE APPRISED ROBERT, AND ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT. NO RESPONSE AT THIS TIME**

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

II. ON THE PLATE:

Nothing at this time, except for tying up loose ends for the above.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6 pm, Tuesday, August 18, 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:

- Music Selections for both upcoming show info
- Sept 19th Retreat – Judd info

4. Old Business

- Asst Show Chair- Adam info/action
- Follow-up on extended absences info/action
- Women's night at rehearsal – Roger info/action

5. New Business

- Report on Brat Sales - Don info/action
- Nominating Committee – Ron info/action
- Ideas for Money Making info/action

6. Additional Agenda Items:

7. Adjourn

