

# ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5, 2010  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

Members present - Mac Barlass, Roger Bosmoe, Mike Franssen, Dennis Garner, Louis Nosan, Judd Orff, and Jerry Herbst

Members not present - Adam Blegen, Dick Kelm, Don Paulson, Warren Wilson, and Tyler Smith

Guest - Matt Hall

1. Meeting called to order by Dennis Garner at 6:06 pm with the song, Let Me Call You Sweetheart.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Louis Nosan, Motion Carried to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 regular and September 28, 2010 special board meetings.

### Receive Treasurers Report

### Treasurer Recap Report for October 5, 2010 Board Meeting

## August Receipts and Disbursements

### Receipts

Tyler Smith (Web Site Refund)	\$ 20.00
Ruwal Freese (Blue Shirt)	18.00
Thrivent Financial Foundation (Sponsor)	125.00
Dick Kelm (Pass the Hat) - Social Fund)	152.00
Lorrel and Ruth Popp (Thank you for singing at their anniversary party)	150.00
District Contest Tickets	2,160.00
Barbershop Harmony Society (Member Dues)	<u>18.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 2,643.00

### Disbursements

SPEBSQSA Inc. (Show Clearance Application)	\$ 112.00
Judd Orff (Supplies - Whiteboard and Plastic Bags)	10.15
Judd Orff (Maroon Casual Logo Shirts)	288.00
Matthew Hall (September Director's Fee)	300.00
Tyler Smith (Web-Site Fee)	20.00
Tyler Smith (Printing Supplies)	25.00
St. Paul Lutheran (August Rehearsal Usage)	<u>175.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 930.15

Funds carried over from June	\$ 6,348.34
August Receipts	2,643.00
August Disbursements	<u>930.15</u>
Checkbook Balance	\$ 8,061.19
Uniform Deposit	1,367.00
Youth in Harmony	1,352.00
Social Fund	842.00
Compact Disc Fund	\$ <u>2,575.00</u>
Available Balance	\$ 2,025.19

Compact Disc (A Christmas Present)	\$ 3,961.29
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## September Receipts and Disbursements

### Receipts

Tyler Smith (Web Site Refund)	\$ 40.00
Sponsor	30.00
District Contest Ticket Receipts from Members	1,305.00
Dick Kelm (Pass the Hat)	149.00
Fargo Dinner Receipts from Members	748.63
Barbershop Harmony Society (Member Dues)	<u>6.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 2,278.63

### Disbursements

Great Plains Harmony (District Contest Tickets)	\$ 3,555.00
Barbershop Harmony Society (Music Hallelujah Chorus)	147.10
Peter Benson (Coaching)	200.00
Tyler Smith (Stamps)	6.24
Matthew Hall (October Director's Fee)	300.00
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Sept. Rehearsal Usage)	140.00
Tyler Smith (Web Site Fee)	20.00
INGLI (Down Payment on Trailer)	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,905.25

Funds carried over from August	\$ 8,061.19
September Receipts	2,278.63
September Disbursements	5,905.25
Funds Transferred from Premier Sponsor Account	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
Checkbook Balance	\$ 9,434.57
Uniform Deposit	1,367.00
Youth in Harmony	1,501.00
Social Fund	997.00
Compact Disc Fund	<u>2,575.00</u>
Available Balance	\$ 2,994.57

Compact Disc (A Christmas Present) \$ 3,961.29

Submitted by Don Paulson, Treasurer

Moved/Roger Bosmoe, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to receive the August and September 2010 treasurer's reports.

Additional Agenda Items

No additional items.

Approval of Agenda

Moved/Jerry Herbst, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to approve the agenda.

2. Officer Status Reports

President - Dennis

No report.

Secretary - Jerry

Secretary's Report for October 5, 2010 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

The membership kit for Lee Jackson has been received and was presented by Adam.

A new member application for David Erickson was sent to the society, and his membership in our chapter was treated as a renewal since he is a former member of Greater Grand Forks chapter. His transfer was approved by the board at a special meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Show clearances sent to the district secretary for our 2010 Christmas show and our 2011 spring show have been approved, though the final approved copies have not yet been received.

Current Plans:

Issue minutes for the October 5, 2010 board meeting.

Submit ASCAP payment for this year.

Items for Board Action:

Approve minutes of the August 17, 2010 regular and September 28, 2010 special board meetings.

Income/Expense Matters

None  
Jerry Herbst

## Chorus Manager - Tyler

### Chorus Manager Report for October 5, 2010 Board Meeting

#### Recent Accomplishments:

We have most of our arrangements made for the LOL Fall District Convention in Fargo. There will be 45 of our members competing in the Chorus Contest, 81 signed up so far for our Saturday night Dinner and 35 signed up so far to sing at the St Anthony of Padua Parish Catholic Church in Fargo on Sunday morning.

Ken Mettler, LOL District Director Marketing and Public Relations, from the Polk County Chapter will install our 2011 Officers on Tuesday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Ballroom in Stillwater. The Bob Hallquist trio has been signed to again provide our dance music.

The Christmas Show title is "A Christmas Celebration." Warren Wilson has secured the River Falls High School Chamber Choir to join us on the show. We anticipate having 5 quartets sing on the show, two ladies and three men's quartets. Our venues are the same – Trinity at 2pm and Guardian Angels at 7:30. The songs have been selected and the rehearsal schedules are set. The ticket prices the same as last year: \$9 Advance, \$12 at the door, \$7 Group rate (20+ advance), Children 12 years and under are Free. The Joint rehearsals are Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – all at St. Paul Lutheran. Dress rehearsal is set for Friday night, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity. Our organist will be David Goulette from Trinity Lutheran Church.

#### Current Plans:

We will be singing in the Veterans Day Service at Trinity Lutheran on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Woody's in Bayport.

We have been invited to sing at Woodbury Central Park on Sunday, February 20, 2011. Performance fee is \$300.

#### Items for Board Action:

Approval needed for the Woodbury Central Park performance.

Approval needed to cancel the regular December 21<sup>st</sup> & 28 Tuesday rehearsals.

Tyler Smith

## Marketing & PR - Mac

### Marketing & PR VP Report for October 5, 2010 Board Meeting

- Met with Dale Schueffner and laid plans for publicity for Xmas show. Started plans about publicity for annual show.
- Looking for more news article material.
- New releases on Xmas show and Fargo.
- Plan to take my camera to Fargo.
- Key contact in Stillwater Gazette leaving.

#### Items for Board Action:

None

Mac Barlass

#### Additional Comments:

Mac has met with Dale Schueffner regarding publicity for the Christmas show. Mac suggests pushing for more advanced ticket sales which reduces walk-in sales so we have a better handle on our audiences at sold out shows. He also suggested we need to find ways to fill the empty seats at our annual show. Mike suggested promoting our shows more effectively using our church and other performances.

## Chapter Development - Adam

### Chapter Development Report for October, 2010 Board Meeting

We have added six new members to the chapter so far this year. Five are new members to the Barbershop Harmony Society (Gary Sumner, Ron Phillips, Justin Englebert, Brett Carow, & Lee Jackson). One is a seven year member of the B.H.S. and has renewed his society membership with our chapter (David Erickson).

Since January 2009, we have welcomed **ELEVEN** first year members to the Barbershop Harmony Society. I received a call from Steve Zorn, our LOL District Membership VP, in September. He informed me that we are the fastest growing chapter in the district. Great job guys!!!

Adam Blegen

Music & Performance - Judd

Music & Performance Report for October 5, 2010 Board Meeting

C.D. Report --master is done and ready to print. Matt made a slight change in the summer order, but it will enhance the total C.D. The license work is almost done and will cost upwards of \$400.00. The jacket design is still in process and once complete we can have all the pieces put together.

Contest--Pete Benson did a great job the night he was here. The chorus accepted his suggestions and it seems to be taking hold.

Christmas Show - joint rehearsals are scheduled, music is in our hands, and we now must concentrate on getting them off paper.

Fargo - This should be a great experience for all the "Croix Chordsmen". We are better prepared than ever before and will have the most men on stage in 40 years of competing.

Items for Board Action:

None

Judd Orff

Additional Items

Judd showed a sample CD with a nicely designed cover. He also showed some jacket designs and reported the jacket is partially done.

Louis asked about rehearsing the Fargo church songs. Judd suggested working in some rehearsal time at our coming rehearsals.

Youth In Harmony - Warren

YIH Coordinator Report for October 5, 2010 Board Meeting

**I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and NON-ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**ITEM:** 2010 Christmas YIH Ensemble

There were two potential ensembles from the River Falls High School: The Costumed Carolers (16 singers), which she can commit to NOW and the Chamber Chorus (36 singers). Carrie Loney confirmed that we will have the Chamber Chorus.

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:** None

**ITEM:** 2010 Christmas Concert – Percussion Ensemble

Contact was made with Dr. Patty Cudd, Professor of Percussion, UW-RF Music Department requesting an ensemble similar to what we had on Betelehemu in 2007 or '08. Matt apprised her and me that we also needed percussion on Ring de Bells; she is agreeable to put something together for us under the same arrangements we had last time. After school starts, she will know better what personnel she has available. We are asking for two rehearsals in November at UW-RF with the ensemble. Both Tyler and Lyla have been apprised of my contact with Patty.

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:** None

**ITEM:** 2010/11 YIH Festival, Osceola

- The Date is January 16, 2011, the location is at the Osceola HS, Matt is on board as men's clinician, Derek Glenna is on board as an assistant, Grand Design is on board as the teaching quartet, Matt has chose, Sound Celebration and Ride the Chariot as the men's music. Ride the Chariot is on the WSMA music list for small ensemble so students may use it in adjudication if they wish.
- I revised the music educators' mail list – we know of one change already; Scott Perau is now the Choral Director at the Somerset HS.
- I will be asking for volunteers again this year.

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:** None

**ITEM:** Harmony Explosion Camp, 2011

- The school, formally known as Mini-HEP, is now moved to the UW – RF campus and the HXC will move also. This has prompted changes in personnel; Dick Staedt will no longer be the HXC's Director. Compounding this issue is the fact that as of January 1, 2011 or before, Josh Oxley will no longer be the District YIH Director; Jon Buss will assume this role.
- I will be the Director in 2011, am in the process of putting the team together and thus far Tyler and Don P. are on board. Sam Sather, GNU is the clinician.

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:** None

**II. ON THE PLATE:**

- Select the men's music for the HXC

Warren Wilson

### Director's Report - Matt Hall

Matt would like to see our newer Christmas songs further along at this point, but then this is typical when preparing for a show. He expects the chorus to be ready for the show.

Mac suggested singing our Christmas carols at rehearsals just to introduce them to our newer members who normally don't see them. Matt indicated minimal time is available now because of Christmas show preparation. Singing them at "early birds" may be a possibility. Matt also pointed out that any ensemble from our chorus that goes out to sing carols should first audition since it would be representing our chapter. Judd suggested discussing the carol issue at a music team meeting.

Mac also asked about video taping the chorus at rehearsals to improve performance and facial expressions. Matt feels we would need a large video screen for this to be effective since panning tends to be distracting. He suggested using a mirror is one of the best techniques.

Matt complimented our chorus members for coming to rehearsals eager and wanting to learn.

Mike complimented Matt for his enthusiastic music leadership.

### Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

Louis asked about our having an informal uniform that could be worn year round. The group feels the chorus is well supplied uniforms for the different seasons.

### 3. Committee Reports.

#### Riser Trailer - Mac

A 7 ft. by 18 ft. "V" nose Pro-line trailer has been ordered from Ingli Auto, Inc. of Ellsworth, Wisconsin. A \$1500 down payment has been made, and the total price came to \$6,729.80. A \$330 unanticipated surcharge has been added. Mac and Jerry Gibson plan to cover the surcharge with donations. Fargo stops, padding, and other additions will be needed although some of these items may be donated.

The committee is presently looking into lettering and colors - brandywine or silver are favorites.

Putting the supplier's name on the trailer may bring a discount.

4. Old Business

Nominating Committee - Roger/Judd

The committee has full slate of officers for 2011 and the first announcement will be tonight.

It was difficult finding members who are willing to serve. Mac suggested asking members to help with committees and thus introducing them to board functions.

Uniform Committee

The new vests with bow ties and pocket decorations are being distributed. Next Tuesday new white shirts and long ties will be handed out, which will have the chorus uniforms ready for Fargo.

5. New Business

Woodbury Central Park Performance

This was tabled until our next board meeting.

Cancel December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsals

Moved/Mac Barlass, Second/Jerry Herbst, Motion Carried to cancel regular rehearsals on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mike was concerned that singers may lose interest with a break, but others felt it was a needed break and a time to spend with families.

6. Additional Agenda Items

No additional items.

7. Adjourn

Moved/Mac Barlass, Second/Louis Nosan, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Next meeting - Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald W. Herbst, Secretary  
October 9, 2010