

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2009
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

Members present - Mac Barlass, Roger Bosmoe, Dennis Garner, Ron House, Dick Kelm, Louis Nosan, Judd Orff, Don Paulson, Warren Wilson, and Jerry Herbst

Members absent - Adam Blegen, Tyler Smith

Guests - Mike Franssen, Lorrel Popp

1. Meeting called to order by Roger Bosmoe at 6:04 pm with the song, *Heart Of My Heart*.

Approval of Minutes

Moved/Judd Orff, Second/Warren Wilson, Motion Carried to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009 regular board meeting and the minutes of the November 3, 2009 special board meeting.

Receive Treasurer's Report

Don reported our available balance is still about \$3400 in the red, but he plans to deposit about \$2000 in new funds. Jerry reported a check for \$1250 has been received from 3M for the volunteer match.

Moved/ Judd Orff, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried to receive the October 2009 treasurer's report.

Additional Agenda Items

"American Harmony" was added by Ron House.

Approval of Agenda

Moved/Louis Nosan, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to approve the agenda as amended.

2. Officer Status Reports

President - Roger

Roger reported on two items from the House of Delegates Meeting in Rochester.

- a. In our district 201 members failed to renew their membership in the past year and were not contacted by their chapters. He doesn't want to see this happen in our chapter.

- b. The society is asking chapters to support YIH through the Harmony Foundation because four choruses had to cancel from going to the winter convention due to lack of funding support.

Written report Accepted

Secretary - Jerry

Membership applications for Tom Reiman and Justin Swanson have been sent to the society.

Written report accepted.

Chorus Manager - Tyler

A thank you note was received from the Oshkosh chapter for sharing our dinner with them at Rochester. The note was circulated to chapter members.
Written report accepted.

Marketing & PR - Mac

The Christmas show will be video taped at Trinity.
Written report accepted.

Chapter Development - Adam

Adam developed a "People to Know" listing for new members. Judd suggested rather than having new members come to us, we should go to them and explain who we are, what we do, and how we can help.
Written report Accepted.

Music & Performance - Judd

Written report accepted.

Youth in Harmony - Warren

The 2010 YIH Festival team will be meeting on Nov 19th. Scott Perau is putting together a collegiate quartet, and they may be invited to be part of the YIH Festival as a teaching quartet.
For the Christmas show youth chorus, 42 copies of *O Holy Child* and 45 copies of *Climb To The Top Of The Highest Mountain* have been ordered.
Written report accepted.

Board Members At Large - Dick & Louis

No report.

3. Committee Reports.

Christmas Show 2009

Saturday's joint rehearsal went very well.

Annual Show 2010

Chorus songs have been selected for the annual show.
A co-chair has not as yet been named.

4. Old Business

Awards for 2009

Award selections for 2009 are falling in place.

Follow -up On Uniform Deposit - Roger

Two or three people still need to pay their deposits and Roger is planning to contact them.

COTS Registration - Jerry

COTS (Leadership Academy) attendees have been identified and were given course outlines so they can select their courses. Sign-up completion target is the end of November. Jim Mohn is planning to attend and will be sent in place of Judd.

Talent Show with Lions

Mac suggested the Croix Chordsmen take the lead musically, and include vocal training and judges, and that a chapter committee be formed.

As a fund raiser, the event is expected to raise \$2800 for each group.

The Lions meet at noon on Thursday and this topic is on the agenda.

Report From Judd On Ordering Music

Norm ordered 115 copies of *Ring Out The Bells* and we were charged \$2.65 per copy for a total of \$350. The society sent one copy and asked that we make our own copies. Judd checked into this during his last trip to Nashville. The problem is that this is not society music but rather belongs to someone else, so the society typically only keeps one copy in the file and asks the chapter to make its own copies. After Judd brought up this issue, the society agreed to do a systematic purge of their music files so chapters are saved from this problem in the future.

5. New Business

Performance Requests for 2010 (Farm Fest at River Falls and Boutwells)

We've received a request to perform in 2010 at Boutwells. January is a good possibility - Matt and Judd plan to work out the date and program. The chapter would be paid \$300.

The Farm Fest contract has been signed so the chorus is booked for Tuesday afternoon, July 20th in River Falls.

These two plus Memorial Day at Greenwood Cemetery and the spring show give us four performances so far in 2010.

Harmony Foundation Donation

The Harmony Foundation has a program where chapter members can join and would have automatic withdrawals made from credit cards or checking accounts for making donations. This program is to be introduced to the chorus at the beginning of the year.

Spring Blood Drive

This will be decided by the new board in January.

GiveMN - Jerry

GiveMN is a newly introduced program which allows donors to connect with non-profits such as ours on the internet and make donations on-line. On-line giving is not a new program, but GiveMN is an

upgraded approach. It would not cost the chapter anything to be a member or to receive donations. What we would need to do to join is to register our chorus profile on-line. There appear to be no "negatives" to joining this program, only potential benefits.

GNU has already signed-up and is using the program.

Moved/ Judd Orff, Second/Don Paulson, Motion Carried to place the chorus on the GiveMN web site.

Jerry will handle signing the chorus up for the site and will work with Tyler to make any related changes to our chapter web site.

There is one issue that first needs to be checked by Jerry. The chapter is incorporated in the state of Wisconsin. Would that have any bearing on our joining this program?

Once we are on board, Jerry would like to explore ways of making the best use of the program.

Date For Dec. Joint Board Meeting

There will be no joint board meeting scheduled for December since there are only two personnel changes to the board. There may be a short board meeting held at the Installation Banquet. The next regular board meeting will be scheduled for Jan 19th.

6. Additional Agenda Items

American Harmony - Ron House

Ron reported the movie has been shown in a lot of cities so far and is doing well. Jym Hubbell is coordinating screenings in the MSP metro area.

Three requests have been made by chapters so far:

- a. Screen the film on a single night close to where chapter members live.
- b. Allow chapter members to give free tickets to non-members.
- c. Allow local chapters to perform at the screening.

Since performing in a movie theater setting would be difficult, small, local screenings in a non theater setting would be encouraged. Stillwater has been mentioned as a possible location.

Two additional questions are being asked:

- a. Would we have multiple screenings in the metro area?
- b. What night of the week works best?

Another question that came up was, is there a base price to get the DVD?

Chapter members would pay \$10 to see the movie, with free tickets issued to non-barbershoppers.

This would be a great way to expose non-members to barbershop.

Ron plans to continue to provide updates.

7. Adjourn

Moved/Dennis Garner, Second/Ron House, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald W. Herbst, Secretary
November 21, 2009

ST. CROIX VALLEY CHAPTER MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 3, 2009
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

Members present - Mac Barlass, Adam Blegen, Roger Bosmoe, Dick Kelm, Louis Nosan, Judd Orff, Warren Wilson, and Jerry Herbst

A special meeting was called to order by Roger Bosmoe at 9:10 PM following rehearsal.

1. New member Approval

Moved/Adam Blegen, Second/Judd Orff, Motion Carried to approve Tom Reiman as a new member of the chapter.

His singing skills were approved by Duane and Matt.

2. Adjourn

Moved/Mac Jerry Herbst, Second/Adam Blegen, Motion Carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Herbst, Secretary
November 4, 2009

President Report for November 17, 2009 Board Meeting

As a delegate to the District House of Delegate meeting, I have a couple items to share:

1. Concern was expressed regarding Dist. Membership for this past year. 201 members did not renew their membership. Some of these said that their chapter had not even asked them to renew or even contacted them. I hope that hasn't happened in our Chapter.
2. Society is pleading for chapters or individuals to support YIH programs through the Harmony Foundation because four choruses had to cancel from going to the winter convention because the Society didn't have the funds to support them. They felt this a shame because these young students are the future of our Society.

Chapters were asked how many participated in the Spring Blood Drive and St. Croix Valley was one of the few that participated. So "hats off to St. Croix Valley". Judd gave a nice talk from the Society and Dennis Garner also attended.

As president, I will be working with Dennis for a smooth transfer of the president's duties. I am confident that he will do fine. We really don't need to hold a end of year combined meeting as the new board is essentially the same people. I will turn our December meeting over to Dennis after we close out some old business. It looks like the only opportunity for the December

board meeting will be Dec. 1st.

After our week-end in Rochester; I am very proud of our chapter.

Roger

Secretary Report for November 17, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

Membership applications were received from Tom Reiman and Justin Swanson at the last rehearsal and were mailed to the society. Tom's application was approved at a special board meeting after rehearsal on Nov 3rd. Justin is renewing his membership.

Theirs are the 8th and 9th new/renew applications in 2009.

Current Plans:

Issue minutes for the November 17th meeting.

Items for Board Action:

Approve minutes of October 20th regular board meeting.
Approve minutes of Special Meeting on November 3rd.

Income/Expense Matters:

None

Chorus Manager Report for November 17, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments:

Great District Convention weekend in October. Finished 8th in the Chorus Contest. Shared our Saturday night Chapter dinner with Oshkosh Chapter. Sang at the Bethel Lutheran Sunday church service.

Participated in the special Veterans Day Service at Trinity Lutheran Church on Nov 8th.

Christmas Show –

Ticket sales are in full swing. Secured the services of the Trinity Lutheran Church Bell Choir to join us in our show opening song. Script is written. Friday & Saturday schedules are prepared. Worker volunteers for both shows are being acquired. Have had two Joint Rehearsals with one remaining (Nov 30) before our Friday (Dec 4) Dress Rehearsal.

Current Plans:

Continue to prepare for our Christmas Shows on Dec 5th.

Our Officer Installation Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th at The Grand Banquet Hall in downtown Stillwater. We are in the process of selecting our 2009 Award Winners.

No rehearsals scheduled for December 15th & 22nd. Our Woody's Bowling Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 29th. The next regular rehearsal after that will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Jerry Herbst is working on the chapter registration for the January 8-9, 2010, LOL Leadership Academy (COTS)

We have been asked to provide another one hour performance at Boutwells Landing in January or February. Judd Orff & Matt Hall are working on possible dates, probably a Tuesday night.

Items for Board Action:

None.

Marketing/PR Report for November 17, 2009 Board Meeting

Accomplishments

- News releases on Vet's Memorial, Rochester, Xmas show and Cliffs Polecat Pin.
- Accumulated 27 Harmonizers for Waiting room project
- Put add in Western Wisconsin "PLAYLIST" publication
- Took Pictures at Vet's Memorial Service
- Sent reminder to Lions Club on Talent show proposal

Plans:

- Putting together a News Release on Vet's Mem for Pitch Piper
- Get more Harmonizers out
- Vet's Program NR for Harmonizer.

Board Action Needed - none

Mac

- Explore more

Music & Performance Report for November 17, 2009 Board Meeting

Veterans Day performance a complete success. P.R. effort on our behalf by the Stillwater Gazette was amazing.

Christmas show Music on track with 5 rehearsals (joint and our own) left to go

Adam has supplied me with 2010 show song list. I will work them into our January, February rehearsal schedule, with 1/2 being worked on each month.

The seed money for our CD is in the bank (THANKS CLIFF) and the committee will be working on song selection

during the 1st quarter of 2010, with a recording date scheduled for mid-May 2010

Judd Orff M&PVP

Youth In Harmony Report for November 17, 2009 Board Meeting

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and NON-ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ITEM: January, 2010 YIH Festival

- Doug Miller will direct our finale', Harmony, which he arranged.
- James Estes will not be our men's clinician; his schedule would not be set until October, which is too late. So we are asking Shawn Gudmunson to be the men's clinician again this year.
- Due to the cost of bringing in Expedition we will again approach Vocality to be the teaching quartet
- Shawn did agree to be the Director and the songs he selected are "Love At Home" and "Honey Little Liz"
- We could not find a local, international caliber quartet, including Vocality, to be the teaching quartet so a quartet from the Indianhead Chapter will do it.
- In the coming weeks I will be asking for volunteers to work the festival as we have done the past two years. The volunteers would also rehearse with the students and would likely sing one or both mens' songs and "Harmony."
- November 19 the planning team is meeting to tie up loose ends.

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 selected "OH HOLY CHILD;" for the song we will sing with the high school men.
- I've apprised Robert about the joint selection and asked him if he would direct it. Also, I've asked him to tell us whether he needs music for either "O Holy Child" or "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain"
- The ticket order forms/posters that Tyler prepared for the chamber choir are delivered.
- The e-mail from Pat Rigg regarding the music for the women has been forwarded.
- Robert Pontious will direct "O Holy Child."
- Norm has ordered music in the amounts that I requested: 42 copies of "O Holy Child" and 45 copies of "Climb To The Top Of The Highest Mountain." The 42 copies of "O Holy Child" is enough for all the middle and high school young men; Robert is having them sing a TTBB song(s) on this year's program and plans to do this in future years. The 45 copies of "Climb To The Top Of The Highest Mountain are for the Chamber Choir only.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: None

II. ON THE PLATE:

- Meet with the festival planning team on November 19.
- Get volunteers for the festival.
- Get a high school ensemble for the 2010 Christmas concert.

Membership Report for November 10, 2009 Board Meeting

Recent Accomplishments / Year in Review

Five of this year's new members participated in their first Land O' Lakes District contest this year. Those members were; Ruwal Freese, Richard Baumann, Dale Schueffner, Tim Solie, & Mark Bergland.

Two new membership applications have been given to the chapter secretary (Jerry Herbst) for submission to the Barbershop Harmony Society. The new members are Thomas Reiman and Justin Swanson (Reinstated). We are one new member away from Roger's goal of ten for the year.

Of the nine new members that have joined this year:

- Two were acquaintances of current members of our chapter who were invited by those current members (Wayne Erickson & Wayne Elsenpeter).
- Two were former Croix Chordsmen members who were reinstated into the BHS (Mark Bergland & Justin Swanson).
- One was a member of another LOL District chapter about 20 years ago before life got too busy, he found out about us in a newspaper ad (Dale Schueffner).
- Two saw one of our chapter quartets perform at different events and received a business card and personal invitation from the quartet members to come join us on Tuesday nights (Ruwal Freese & Richard Baumann)
- One sang with the Croix Chordsmen / Vallee de Croix combined chorus for the 2008 Christmas show and joined our chapter he following January (Tim Solie).
- One attended our annual spring show and contacted Mac Barlass this fall once he had the time to sing with us (Thomas Reiman).

This year has been a great year for recruitment. Now it's time to make sure these guys stick with us. Some of these new members have expressed a desire to sing in a quartet. Our installation banquet and bowling party might be good places to get them together with four other guys (the 4th being a shadow for their voice part) and sing a few tags or polecats. We may even be able to get a few of them into Valentine's quartets. Judd did a great job this year incorporating quartetting/octetting into our regular rehearsal schedules and it was great to see our new members jump right up there with the more seasoned members to sing a song. I hope we can do even more of that in 2010.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6 pm, Tuesday, November 17, 2009
@ St Paul Lutheran Church – Stillwater, MN

1. Call Meeting To Order - Roger Bosmoe

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| -Approval of Minutes | action |
| -Receive Treasurer's Report | action |
| -Additional Items - all | action |
| -Approval of Agenda as revised | action |

2. Officer Status Reports:

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| -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 |

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| 3. Committee Reports: | |
| - Christmas Show 2009 | Info |
| - Annual Show 2010 | info |
| 4. Old Business | |
| - Awards for 2009 | info/action |
| - Follow-up on uniform deposit – Roger | info/action |
| - COTS Registration – Jerry | info/action |
| - Talent Show with Lions – Mac | info/action |
| - Report from Judd on ordering music | info/action |
| 5. New Business | |
| - Performance requests for 2010
(Farm fest in River Falls and Boutwells) | info/action |
| - Harmony Foundation donation | info/action |
| - Spring Blood Drive | info/action |
| - Give MN – Jerry | info/action |
| - Date for Dec. joint board meeting | info/action |
| 6. Additional Agenda Items: | |
| 7. Adjourn | |

October Receipts & Disbursements
Submitted By Don Paulson

Receipts

Five DVD's 2008 Show	\$	50.00
Denmark Township Ball Game (Quartet Performance)		100.00
Dick Kelm (Pass the Hat)		226.00
LOL Contest Tickets		84.00
Christmas Show Tickets		576.00
Tyler Smith (Web Site Refund)		20.00
Dr. Stewart (Name Tag)		8.00
Barbershop Harmony Society (Member Dues)		42.00
Dick Kelm (Uniform Deposit)		125.00
Ruwal Freese (Uniform Deposit)		<u>125.00</u>
Cash Receipts		\$ 1,356.00

Disbursements

Blank Check Order	\$	14.10
Valley Trophy, Inc. (Name Tags)		35.20
Barbershop Harmony Society (800 Phone Service)		25.00
Roger Bosmoe (Uniforms)		398.00
Jim Emery (Coaching)		50.00
What Playing Inc. (Christmas Show Ad)		15.00
Trinity Lutheran Church (Christmas Concert Usage)		650.00
Trinity Lutheran Church (Damage Deposit)		75.00
Lowell W. Bennes (LOL Contest DVD & CD) Matthew Hall (November Director's Fee)		300.00
St. Paul Lutheran Church (October Rehearsal Usage)		140.00
Tyler Smith (November Website Fee)		20.00
Pizza Man (October 27 Contest Party)		<u>115.72</u>
Cash Disbursements		\$ 1,863.02

Funds Carried Over from September		\$ 1,906.64
October Receipts		1,356.00
October Disbursements		<u>1,863.02</u>
Checkbook Balance		1,399.62
Uniform Deposit		1,367.00
Youth in Harmony		2,146.00
Social Fund		<u>1,295.10</u>
Available Balance		\$ (3,408.48)

Compact Disc (A Christmas Present) Sold 3	\$	3,814.10
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