

MINUTES
Market Street Singers Board Meeting
April 12, 2010

New President Susanne Redalje called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the home of Elsie Simon.

PRESENT: Board Members: Suzy Crawley, Kathryn Minturn, Eileen Nicholson, Susanne Redalje, Kate Riordan, Elsie Simon, **Director,** Chris Vincent

A motion to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2010 Board Meeting was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Kate Riordan reported Balances for March of: Income \$685.04 (member donations plus \$120 from Town & Country matching), and Expenses \$1406.09 (Rent and Stipends plus Quick Books upgrade \$280 and picnic space rental \$130) resulting in a Net Loss of \$721.05 for the month. Suzy Crawley moved and the Board passed a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2010.

SIZE OF BOARD: We accepted the resignation of Board Members Ronna Dansky and Jeanne VanAalst, and Board Member Eden Rivers' request to take a leave of absence.

***Suzy Crawley will conduct a short Q. and A. for potential Board Members at tomorrow's practice.

REVIEW OF BROWN BEAR AND FUNDRAISING: Because of our policy of not charging admission to concerts, we need a few fundraisers to cover our expenses. The Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets fundraiser netted \$900 on sales of \$1200 (for 200 tickets at \$6.00 each).

***It was agreed that Elsie should order another 50 tickets to sell at \$5.00 each.

We agreed not to take on the **Taco Time** fundraiser this year.

Entertainment Books (Sale of).

***Eileen will ask Joyce Bowlby (who sells them) her opinion, noting the existence of a new, competitive, more local "Chinook" coupon book. Both books sell for \$20.

We agreed on maintaining a budgetary minimum balance.

***Kate will assemble a report on the last 3 years of fundraising activity in order to estimate how much fundraising we need to do to achieve that minimum, along with the cost per member vs how much fundraising pressure.

Rummage Sale - we still need to pin down date and venue, preferably at St. Luke's Church in Ballard, where there now is another group meeting weekly.

***Chris will talk with folks at St. Luke's, and offer to pay the day's rental for other group to shift rooms for one day.

***Suzy will investigate the availability status of the old Ballard Library location, on 24th NW.

***Susanne will talk to Joyce about date

Brandy Rinck and Barbara Helde have assembled a report of possible venues and are clarifying conditions of renting. Chris has identified which ones would work best for us.

Production Committee: is needed to help Chris define and carry out a "production script" for the June Concert.

*** Suzy volunteered

***Kathryn Minturn volunteered

***Chris will announce and ask for volunteers at practice 4/13

***Kathryn would like to resign as Soprano section leader and have a section meeting during break at practice.

As we get closer to the concert date, Chris would like 2.5-hour practice, and/or give up/limit break time, (which always lengthens).

*** Chris will emphasize at practice the need to start right at 7PM, and limit break to 5 minutes.

***Board will revive our "hands up" signal to return to work

FOBs "signing" in at practice:

***Kathryn will ask at practice tomorrow for names of newcomers who need FOBs and then get those from the Senior Center. For members who have lost/misplaced their FOBS, she will request a printout of all the FOB numbers so she can simply give the member his/her number to enter by keyboard.

Summer Concert: will feature choruses from operas which have solos, and from Broadway musicals. A motion was passed, as moved by Eileen, that we authorize Chris Vincent to spend up to \$200 for soloists for the Summer Concert. [1:31:50]

Risers: We “tested” one of the 3 riser-sections made by Kate’s partner, and it was great for height, weight, and appearance.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40PM.

TO DO list:

Suzy Crawley will conduct a short Q. and A. for potential Board Members at PRACTICE
Suzy will investigate the availability of old Ballard Library location, on 24th NW
Suzy volunteered for Production Committee

Elsie will order another 50 Car Wash tickets to sell at \$5.00 each.

Eileen will ask Joyce Bowlby her opinion on Entertainment Book Sales

Kate will assemble a report on the last 3 years of fundraising activity.

Chris will contact St. Luke’s, about Rummage Sale date and offer to pay day’s rent for other group if they’d shift rooms for one day.

Chris will ask for a few more volunteers for Production Committee at PRACTICE

Chris will emphasize at PRACTICE the need to start right at 7PM, and limit break to 5 minutes.

Susanne will talk to Joyce Bowlby about her schedule and preference of date for Rummage Sale

Kathryn volunteered for Production Committee

Kathryn will ask for names at PRACTICE of newcomers who need FOBs and then get those from the Senior Center.

Kathryn will be on hand for check-in to handle “FoBbing” before PRACTICE

Kathryn will ask the Senior Center for a printout of all our FOB numbers so she can give the member his/her number to enter by keyboard (for those who’ve lost/mislaid theirs).

Kathryn will recruit a new Soprano section leader and have a section meeting at PRACTICE

***Board will revive our “hands up” signal to return to work (at PRACTICE)