

Minutes  
Market Street Singers Board Meeting  
June 14, 2010

The meeting, held at Elsie Simon's home, was called to order by President Susanne Redalje at 7:00pm

**PRESENT: Board Members** Suzy Crawley, Kathryn Minturn, Eileen Nicholson, Susanne Redalje, and Elsie Simon, Jeanne van Aalst **Visitor:** Rosalind Caryl (taking Minutes)

**M/S/C** To approve the Minutes from the previous meeting on May 10, 2010.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** was given, showing approximately \$5600 as the current balance. It was recommended that we try to better anticipate our concert poster and program needs, since there were some posters and about 200 programs left over after the June concerts. The Treasurer's report was approved.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Spring (June) Concert Review Discussion:** A huge thank you is due to all who were involved in the concert(s). Kathryn Minturn suggested having a "house manager" to make assignments for volunteers in the hours before concert performances. The configuration of First Lutheran Church (Ballard) sanctuary was discussed with suggestions for seating late-comers. Name tags for ushers would be helpful in the future, and combining with ArtWalk for a future concert should be considered. Katherine will Email volunteers individually to thank them for their work before and at the concerts. Kathryn also agreed to head up the Production Committee for the next concert.

We need to update the list of sponsoring businesses in concert program, since some of those currently listed are no longer valid.

Bill Frisell, whose positive comments about our recent concert were included in the last email from Chris, was mentioned. It was generally agreed that such comments are great publicity for the group, and we will seek his permission to put the quotation from him on the MSS website.

**Fundraising: Chinook Coupon Books:** Kathryn reported that MSS will earn \$10 from each book sold throughout the entire sales period. Effective time for using the contents of the book is 14 months. **Brown Bear tickets:** Elsie has ordered 50 more to sell, to be ready for Tuesday rehearsal, June 15.

**Music storage:** Chris is running out of space for such storage at his house. Perhaps MSS could help by paying cost of building shelves at his house (or - Suzy Crawley - donate shelves she has); paying Chris something to provide storage, possibly in file cabinets, at his home; investigating space availability at the Senior Center and a conventional storage facility Kathryn (Senior Center) and Suzy (Storage facility) will look into costs and terms.

**Jeanne van Aalst:** Jeanne announced her resignation from the Board and from active membership in MSS because of new family commitments.

**Grant Committee:** this committee met on May 24 expecting to go ahead with plans to pursue a grant application, but found that the entire civic grant process has been postponed for a year. The Seattle Foundation (as well as others) have not responded to Eileen Nicholson's queries. There is a directory of funders, to match grantors with applicants, and the cost of access to this is \$150 for the first year, and about \$120 thereafter. The question asked of the Board by Susanne was, why do we want grant money? We discussed the application process, and our one successful "Shilshole Concert" grant of \$3000. We need to confer with Chris Vincent regarding what kinds of things would be desirable to cover, in future grant applications.

**Picnic Committee:** Eileen can provide a process blueprint for this year's and other future annual picnics. Non-board members can do planning from this blueprint. Our reserved picnic time starts at 3pm, and there is no need to be there in the morning to stake out our group's place, as was done before. Golden Gardens will have morning and afternoon picnic times for the first time this year.

**Board meeting date:** Because Chris can no longer attend Board meetings on Mondays, Thursday was the new day of the week proposed. Mondays (Tuesdays, or course) and Wednesdays are already committed elsewhere for Chris. There was concern about choosing a day of the week when Chris can't come. In the end, however, the majority voted to

continue our monthly board meeting on Mondays for now, and to keep Chris well informed on proceedings at those meetings.

**OTHER:**

**Section leaders:** will talk with their sections for a designated few minutes at our next rehearsal, June 15. Suzy offered to be soprano section leader because Sarah McCoy, the current section leader, will be gone frequently this summer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Rosalind Caryl, Secretary pro tem

**TO DO LIST:**

Kathryn: e-mail thanks to Concert volunteers;

Kathryn volunteered to head up Production Committee for next Concert

Kathryn: check with Senior Center about music storage

Suzy: look into costs, and terms at Storage facility for music storage

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**Additional note:**

The Board held a special meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. to discuss the issue of the director's compensation. It was decided that we would acknowledge the success of the recent concert and the amount of time Chris put in to it with a one-time \$500 bonus. It was also decided to increase Chris's stipend to \$600/mon beginning July 1. This was done to acknowledge that we had failed to consider the full implications of the amazing growth of the choir. In addition, to help determine the proper amount of compensation in the future, Chris will be asked for input on how much time he spends on choir business and what those activities are.