

Board Meeting Minutes

June 16th beginning at 7:02

Present: Chris Vincent, Chris Baptiste, Kate Riordan, Sarah Coyle, Barbara Helde, Helena Morris, Marijke de Vries, Ashley Wiggin, Bobann Fogard, Kathryn Minturn

Visitors: Lucinda Kidder, Jaime Worthington, Joyce Bowlby, Heather Martin, Sheila Harrington

Treas. Report

Our finances are stable, with no shortfalls reported. Bobann has completed the new documentation about exempting non-profits like us from paying sales tax. A copy of this will be give to Chris V. so he can apply it to summer music purchases.

Task List

Rummage Sale volunteers? Terrell the organizer
Picnic – Roger set it up – we need another organizer

Procedure Manual

Emails and passwords need to be identified, and put into a document that is available to the board. This won't be posted on-line, for security reasons. Chris to work with Lynn Arnold to get all names we currently have set up

Membership

Four new people joined after seeing the concert: 1 bass and 3 sopranos
It was suggested that vocal helpful hints be given during rehearsal for the benefit of the new people and of everyone. Chris said that vocal guidelines are not something you hand out. Not much need for it during the summer. Would a Gazette spiel suffice?
Sarah and Helena will share membership duties.

Grant Comm. Update

Lucinda said that the Civic Partnership Grant announced the recipients in October, but the recipients don't find out the amount of money to be granted until in January. We did our best – it was a combined effort
We will keep submitting grants – it's good visibility. Civic Partners has a smaller grant opportunity. Can we apply simultaneously ?

Summer event

Lucinda is chorus point person for summer event. It's unfolding easily: the date is set, locale set, music is decided on, most of the music that is needed to be borrowed has been found.

The participants need to call in and register to participate, we're concerned that too many will come. Most of the challenge is with the music. Not much production needs. Should we charge a fee to participate? Chris V. thinks we can cover all of the costs of the summer events even if donations are optional. Lucinda and Chris V. will devise a way to offer PDF copies and YouTube links to interested participants. Barbara asked if it would be a good idea to invite other conductors to direct, but Chris V. feel it is easier and perhaps more appropriate to just let him take care of this himself.

Conference Report:

Chorus America is a non-profit organization supporting choral groups, mostly in the areas of organization, administration, and operations.

Chris V. and other non-audition choirs would like to submit article to The Voice about what they do and how they do it.

Conference included: meeting reps from other non-audition choirs, discussing compliance with the law regulations of performance and copyrights.

Chris discussed with the board ways that the choir can be more in compliance with regulations re: publication, recording performances and putting performances on You Tube. The idea is to do our best to comply – any effort will be appreciated. We are in compliance in the way we use photocopies (public domain, only or if music on order is arriving late).

Chris V. thinks that some of us should go to the conference, also.

We are a singers' board and tend to get overwhelmed with singing AND board responsibilities. Imperative to keep mission statement on the agenda to stay focused on the group rather than individual agendas. It was suggested that we hold executive sessions with board members only sometimes. May not need it in every board meeting. Will be an agenda item, not in the bylaws.

Break

Fundraising ideas:

Movies – It was decided that the Landmark chain should be used. \$7.60 a ticket for any movie at any time bought 25 tickets at a time. We would have to buy 50 tickets at a time for the bigger theater chains.

Silent Auction at the Annual Meeting:

The donator decides how much their certificate should open at. There will be a minimum bid that will increase in specified increments. The logistics are a concern: flow of people, room set-up, etc. May not have singing rehearsal that night.

Miscellaneous:

Web page designer is slow to respond.

Pay pal security is not an issue

Board meeting at Barbara's house on July 14th

Action Items:

1. Bobann will send an electronic copy of the tax exempt form to Chris V. and Ken.
2. Barbara will talk to Terrell re: Rummage Sale task, meet with Joyce re: training materials
3. Chris will do something about giving helpful hints during rehearsal and putting them in the gazette.
4. Chris V. will discuss posting rights on you tube with certain publishers.
5. Chris V. will purchase a copy of The Choral Leadership Guide and the copy can circulate around to board members who would want to read and use it.
6. Chris B. will buy Landmark tickets to sell for \$10.00 each netting \$60.
7. Chris B. will contact Ken and Bobann for money for the tickets.
8. Kathryn will talk to Wilma re Chinook books
9. Something should be put in the gazette proposing and outlining the silent auction plan.
10. Kathryn will announce in gazette that Brown Bear tickets are now sold by Rosiland Caryl.
11. Kathryn will put the Classifieds proposal in this gazette.
12. Kate will set us up on Pay Pal

Adjourned at 8:45

