

Market Street Singers – BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 12th, 2011

Started at 7:08

Present: Ashley Wiggin, Kate Riordan, Bobann Fogard, Helena Morris, Chris Vincent, Barbara Helde

Absent: Chris Baptiste, Marijke de Vries, Sarah Coyle (on sabbatical)

Previous Action Items:

- a. Web Page – a volunteer has stepped forward but we don't know the name or number of the person. Will check in with Grace Waylen to find out the particulars.
- b. Theater Tickets – Chris Baptiste says that the Regal Cinemas and AMC chains offer the same ticket arrangement, you just order off their website. He says that going to the Landmark group or the Majestic Bay would mean more work because they would have to create a program after being convinced to do it.
- c. Create tax-exempt status form, have Roger Ost review it. Bobann Fogard will work on this before the next board meeting.
- d. Gazette article on grant information (Kathryn) will be in next gazette
- e. Gazette article on procedure manual (Kathryn) will be in next gazette
- f. Gazette article on Terrell's pictures. (Kathryn) DONE
- g. Guidelines for gazette classified ads (Kathryn) will be in next gazette

Treasurer's Report – Bobann Fogard

More money was spent than brought in from January to April. We bought 7 new vests which amounts to \$140.00 and the church rental fee for the concerts is \$370.00. There was over \$6,000.00 in contributions from the choir this year, which is up from the first four months of last year. Even so, the balance at the bank dipped below the \$5,000 mark and we incurred a fee. Town and Country receipts and Brown Bear tickets sales have been down. The value of the contributions needs to be explained – what is the money being spent on? It was determined that any amount of money in the form of a contribution would be acceptable and it was reiterated that if a choir member couldn't contribute money then they should donate their time. It was suggested that the contribution amount should be raised to \$25.00. And, perhaps, a \$10.00 music fee be requested two times a year, but it can be waived if an individual can't afford it. We could use music that we've used in the past, but we would still need to order more. Chris Vincent said that one of the reasons he uses classical music selections is that they can often be obtained for free on internet public domain sites. Photocopying is the only cost. Need to have fundraising done in the beginning of the year to pay for concert and music expenses. All of the big

fundraising such as concert donations and the rummage sale is later on in the year. Should we hold the annual meeting in January?

Task List – Barbara Helde

1. Picnic WILL be held on Tuesday the 19th of July.
2. Snail Mail and email lists will be posted at concert.
3. A committee is needed for the rummage sale. Joyce will be a consultant, but not do it. Still trying to nail down the date for it, the possibilities being: the 17th or 24th of September or the 1st of October.
4. Should the auction be earlier than the annual meeting? Might bring money in earlier when we really need it for the Summer Event.
5. Should we do the Chinook Books again this year?

Procedure Manual – Chris Baptiste

All of the procedures have been posted. Other possibilities for the manual are the Entertainment Books (which Joyce Bowlby did, but she is leaving the choir in the fall), the Choral Consortium and Section Leaders.

Membership

Chris Vincent asked that he be given the email addresses of those members leaving the choir so he can put them on his publicity list. Also would like to have the email addresses of those who express an interest in the choir, but don't necessarily want to join. Do we want to restrict the size of the chorus? Difficult to do because people just drop in and join. The only recruitment that's been done is for the basses and tenors. Space in the Senior Center is becoming a problem. Chris Vincent says that too many choir members is a "Good problem to have."

Grant Committee

Lucinda Kidder will write narrative. Russ Long and Chris Vincent will create the audio and visual materials. Progress is being made and the deadline will be met.

The Summer Event

Lucinda Kidder will organize, but needs a committee of two more people to do the many tasks that need to be done. Chris Vincent says the event will be on a Sunday afternoon and probably be on August 21st or 28th. A new name was discussed.

Annual Meeting Silent Auction

Barbara Helde's home was volunteered for this event. It could possibly be held in March instead of at the annual meeting. This would generate revenue when we really need it. Need a 2 -3 person committee to head it.

Gazette Classified

Kathryn has an idea of what the guidelines will be. No one has contacted her about it, yet. She will announce it in the gazette.

Pay Pal

This was discussed in the past, but there is a possibility of hacking and incompatibility of it and Network Solutions which we are stuck with for 2 more years. But it could appeal to those who use plastic to shop on the internet. They might more likely to give on-line. Many people tend not to carry cash or their checkbook with them.

The Pie Party

There will be a lot of presentations. The order will be:

1. Ara-Kus Heavy Metal Choir announcement by guest.
2. Chris will talk about the events we've done from 2009 to the present.
3. Helena and Bobann will present the pie chart which explains what the contributions are used for.
4. Fundraising:
 - a. Chris Baptiste - theater tickets.
 - b. Kathryn - Chinook Books.
 - c. Marijke - Brown Bear Car Wash coupons.
 - d. Ashley - Rummage Sale.
 - e. Sandy Sundberg – Town and Country receipts.
 - f. Roger or Ashley – Picnic
 - g. Kate – auction with examples of what could be offered for sale.

New Business

Chris Vincent talked about having Shawna Avinger come to lead an hour-long workshop on choral singing for free. The board thinks this is a great idea and would like to see more guest workshops.

Action Items

1. All – brainstorm ideas for auction items. Send to Kate soon.
 2. Kate – will investigate Pay Pal security
 3. Kathryn – articles for the gazette regarding: pie party (contact Sarah Williams to see what's needed), grant update, procedure manual, guidelines for classified, announce firm date of July 19th for the picnic.
 4. All – work on presentation for pie party.
 5. Bobann and Helena – create pie chart
 6. Kathryn – will provide snail mail and email sign-up sheets for the concert.
- Adjourned at 8:50

