

The Market Street Singers is a choral ensemble for Ballard that builds connections within diverse communities. Celebrating the joy of choral music among singers and listeners, we aspire to cultivate neighborhood pride with choral arts that are truly community identified.

August 8, 2013

Present: Terrell Aldredge, Gary woods, Margo Landreville, Hannah Won, Jaime Worthington, Cathy Palmer, Jean Bowman, Chris Vincent, Chris Baptiste, Ashley Wiggin.

Call to order at 7:13

1. **Minutes** – The board voted on and approved the July Minutes. Motion made by Cathy Palmer; Gary Woods seconded the motion. All approved.
2. **Treasurer’s Report**—(Hannah)
Overall, we are on track with the budget. We received the 1000k for the city grant. This month, we had expenses for the picnic and Chris’s work with small group. Car wash tickets and bag sales are going well. We haven’t gotten anymore donations in kind. We are still exploring how the GiveBig campaign will impact our ongoing donations. We will continue to explore this and see how it turns out. Overall, though, we have a good reserve and we have done a good job with fundraising and a few of our best fundraisers are right around the corner: the silent auction and rummage sale. No major expenses that we should be concerned about at the moment.
3. **Chorus America Conference** – (Chris V.)
Chris V., Kate and Hannah attended and can share impressions for anyone who wants to know. Nothing specific on this to report.
4. **Action item updates from last meeting** – Promote the upcoming concert on the homepage (Chris B)
ACTION: Chris B. to post notes on advertising, advertise upcoming concert. Talk to Lynn about videos.
5. **Task List** (Terrell) – concert production comes to mind, anything else?
We still don’t have a coordinator for the concert production and we don’t have any volunteers yet. An idea discussed was that the board members could coordinate production, or we would just need one person to organize the volunteers and the board will handle the rest of the tasks.
ACTION: Chris V. to review tasks and let us know what they are, and we will decide how to do them.
6. **Next Meeting** (Chris B) – Our second Saturday pattern would have the next meeting falling on September 14 which is the same day as our concert. I propose we move it up a week to September 7.
Group decided to do the board meeting on Thurs Sept. 12 at 7pm at Julia’s.
7. **Rummage Sale** – Updates
Margo has contacted Adam and he is coming back to choir, so going through him for signage is a possibility if we are interested in checking out alternate options. The signs we currently have are getting a bit old and worn out, and we should be promoting the sale and not the organization as much as the signs. Bigger rummage sale and smaller MSS. They were purchased 5+ years ago. Chris V. reminded us that this would be an investment and possibly expensive but the board agreed that this is an option to explore.

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ACTION: Margo will call Adam to get a quote for 50 signs with metal stakes. Chris V. will send an image of what it should “sort of” look like. If we get the right material we can print stickers to put with the date. Margo will then email it to the board list to discuss.

The rummage sale section in the gazette should be ongoing for now. Margo will also send this to Bonnie with Chris V.’s ok. Kate has volunteered her garage for storage of rummage sale items. A few people have also volunteered clothing racks. Hannah and Cathy can provide drying racks for clothes displays also. Sign-up sheets will start going out the first rehearsal after the Sept. concert. Make sure we get someone signed up to help move out of Kate’s garage into the space.

The group also discussed other options for advertising the sale. Neighborhood blogs are a good place for us to advertise, so that will be included in the listings. Rummage sale flyers are in process—Chris and Russ are working on the design already.

8. **Board Recruitment** – ongoing conversation.

No new updates—everyone should start thinking about who they want to ask to consider for board membership. We need to have at least 8 members.

9. **Upcoming** – See below for list. Anything not discussed above that we need to be thinking about now?

10. **New business** (anyone?)

New business from Chris V.:

--RELATIONSHIP WITH ART INSTITUTE:

Chris V. reported that he has established an ongoing relationship with audio engineering dept. at the Art Institute of Seattle. Chris V. asked them if they would be prepared to do an audio recording, which could be synced to the video at our concert. Every term these students have to go out in the community to do “pro bono” work and Chris has been encouraged to submit our requests to the dept. This will be an ongoing request every time we do a performance.

--AUDIENCE POLL:

John Marshall has suggested that we do a poll in the audience based on our music—which would be the place they would “rather be”. We could post the results on our website in a poll—this would bring the community closer together. We would need to print a sheet with the songs on them and include them in program and collect them at the end of the concert. No intermission this concert so announcements would be in the beginning.

ACTION: Gary and Jean will work this in conjunction with Chris V.

--SECURITY: We’ve been having some problems with the door latch at the Ballard Senior Center and we are looking into ways to get this fixed. We’ve talked with the center about this and we are considering the option of helping with the cost of having the latch repaired. We have connections to possible construction people who would help to assess the cost and we will discuss this further at our Sept. meeting.

--POTENTIAL NEW PRACTICE VENUE:

Chris V. has done some research on getting a space that would be air conditioned and we wouldn’t have a security issue: Ballard Community Center. More parking, but it would cost us roughly twice as much. Is this in our priorities? Chris would like to have a rehearsal there as a test run in the fall. Cathy made a motion for Chris to visit the space and assess it’s usefulness, and report back at the Sept. meeting. The group all agreed.

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ACTION: Chris V. to review Ballard Community Center, report back at Sept. meeting with the possible timeline of making an assessment/ decision by November; possibly to make this move next Spring. We will form a committee after Chris's assessment.

--RUMMAGE SALE:

This year could be our last one at St. Luke's. There is a plan in place to demolish the site and create a multiuse condo structure/ community space. We could possibly use the new space down the line but we have no idea of when. We have tried other spaces in the area and they have not been successful. We need to form a committee to look into this further and assess a new spot to do this moving forward. Terrell, Cathy, Jaime have volunteered to serve on the committee. Chris V. will also find out if we could do a rummage sale at the Community Center space when he visits to explore the possibility of a rehearsal space.

ACTION: The committee will scout out locations and report back to the board in the coming months. This group will be called the Rummage Sale Venue Search Committee.

--10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Next year is the MSS 10th Anniversary! The plan for a Sept. 2014 concert will be the celebration for a collaborative concert. We will invite former members to join us for 6 weeks. For spring concert (2014), we would like to do a concert with orchestral accompaniment. Work would involve an orchestra, possibly Vivaldi Gloria, Vivaldi's Beatus Vir (involves a double choir--Earthwise) or a Bernstein piece. Costs to consider: could be \$2,000 with a small chamber orchestra; would like to get players who could play it well and do rehearsals with them. Possibly we would do one piece (25 minutes), and invite the other choir to be involved and then do a joint piece.

It is going to be a big expense. This might be an additional way to do fundraising during this celebration as well, but we will need to know by November at the latest. Earthrise Chamber Choir is the other choir we would like to have participate with us for this—they have a nice performance space we could use as well for a second day performance. We could also get extra ads in the programs for the West Seattle ads.

ACTION: Chris V. will create a budget that would compare the cost of this concert with a regular concert. This will be presented to the board at our Sept. meeting. Chris will also talk with Earthrise Chamber Choir about this opportunity.

Other New Business:

--Cathy: consider the possibility of relocating picnic to a venue where parking is easier. The beach wasn't taken advantage of but there are plenty of parks or other locations where we could do this. Salmon Bay Park was suggested.

ACTION: Cathy will look into alternate venues where we could have the event in the future. Cathy will also edit and add to existing document about the picnic.

ACTION: Terrell to talk to people who said they would run the auction. (Bobann and Helena)

ACTION: bags to be sold at rummage sale, upcoming concert, and auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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<u>Treats</u>	<u>Upcoming</u>	<u>Next Meeting</u>
Aug - N/A	September: Concert	Saturday, September 7, 10am
Sep - Margo	October: Consortium Festival	Location: Hannah's
Oct - N/A	October: Rummage Sale	
Nov - Jaime	December: Holiday Concert, Echo Glen	
Dec - N/A	January: Sing-a-long	