

Market Street Singers Board Meeting  
March 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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.

Present: Chris Baptiste, Gary Woods, Hannah Won, Lucinda Kidder, Cathy Palmer, Terrell Aldredge, Chris Vincent

Call to order by Chris Baptiste at 10:12 a.m.

**1. Approval of February Minutes**

Due to the short time between the February and March meetings, we did the approval at the meeting. Gary moved, Cathy seconded, all voted to approve the February minutes.

**2. Treasurer's Report (Hannah)**

- a. Hannah reviewed the Treasurer's reports. She noted that we had 100% participation on the music fee. We talked about presenting this to the membership to explain where the money goes. We asked Chris V. to make a general calculation of the cost of a set of music.
- b. Chris B. reported that he had set the choir up as a potential recipient of the Give Big campaign coming up in May.

**3. Task List (Terrell) any updates?**

- a. Production manager: Hannah volunteered to be the production manager for the May concert since she feels she has/will miss too many rehearsals to sing. Volunteers will be sent to Hannah's email. Cathy volunteered to help.
- b. Rummage Sale: Terrell reported that she has not yet been able to contact St. Luke's about a date for the sale. We discussed moving the date either earlier or later but need to check with St. Luke's before making a decision.
- c. Cathy Palmer reported that we got our first choice for the shelter for the July 23<sup>rd</sup> picnic at Golden Gardens and that Ken had been asked to send in the required fee. (Now sent.)

**4. Grant update-- Lucinda**

Lucinda reported that she is working on the narrative. All should be well. In a related matter, she noted that she will be moving back East at the end of May and will be resigning from the board then. She offered to continue to work on grant-related matters for us from afar.

**5. Advertising – in the May concert program**

Terrell presented the letter she proposed to give to potential advertisers along with a set of instructions directed at choir members. We discussed a little fine tuning for the letters. Terrell will present the advertising project to the membership at the next rehearsal and do a write up for the gazette.

**6. Gazette**

Chris B. reported that Bonnie and John Marshall had been in communication about enhancements to the gazette and that he had agreed to handle the increased cost.

## 7. Fundraising

- a. We talked about ways to make our fundraising items “sexier.” We agreed periodic “jazzy” items in the gazette discussing the benefits for choir and for purchasers were in order. Chris B. will go first with an item about Landmark movie tickets.
- b. Tote Bag fundraiser: Lucinda volunteered to follow up with Jaime on this project.
- c. Chris B. reported that Margo said we could keep selling Chinook books to the end of the year without incurring costs for the choir. (Margo later clarified to Terrell that we can sell books from Oct to the end of December and then return any unsold books without cost to us. If we choose to keep books after December, we buy them and must sell them to recoup our costs.)

## Board Recruitment

Terrell asked if anyone had asked Mitch about joining the board. It seems no one had.

## Upcoming Events – May Concert, Chorus America Conference in June, and Consortium Festival in October

- a. Chris V. talked about registering for Chorus America. Terrell said she found the on-line process confusing and Chris agreed to look at it and try to clarify.
- b. We will advertise the sing-a-long in the May program and have cards available to hand out at Folklife.
- c. Waiting to hear about our time slot for Folklife.
- d. The September concert will be “No Place I’d Rather Be.” Much of the music is already planned.
- e. The Choral Consortium event will be October 11 and 12. Terrell moved and Lucinda seconded that we pay the \$150 participation fee. Voted to approve. We’ll have 20 minutes singing in St. Mark’s. Music will be drawn from the best bits of the September concert. We will be obligated to provide two volunteers. We voted not to participate in the group sessions singing a local composer’s original work. We voted to ask for Friday or Saturday night time slots for our performance.
- f. Terrell asked that all the upcoming events be included on the “Schedule” page of the website instead of just the next event. Chris B. said he would work on that.

## New business (anyone?)

- a. Chris V. asked if we could work on some kind of cloud based calendar that would let everyone add items and receive notices of upcoming events. Hannah and Terrell volunteered to test a Google calendar to see if it would work as hoped.
- b. Next meeting will be at Julia’s restaurant in Wallingford, April 11, 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Treats

April- Gary

May- Lucinda

June- Jaime  
July- Jean  
August- Hannah  
September- Margo  
October- Terrell  
November- Ashley  
December- TBD