

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.

September 12, 2013

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

Call to order: 7:05

1. **August Minutes** –
Minutes from the August board meeting were reviewed. Cathy moved to approve the minutes as sent, seconded by Jaime. All approve.
2. **Treasurer's Report**--Hannah
Gift matching for donations and income from bag sales were coming through this month. Concert and rummage sale coming up; more bag sales as well. Overall we should be ok financially. We will see more sales at the concert as well so we are in a good state financially.
3. **September concert** – Chris V./ All
--Concert production was reviewed. We have some tasks assigned already but we need more help. Margo is bringing baskets for the donations. Margo will call and remind Patty Stedman to bring the bags that we will sell at the front. We also discussed how to collect the money from the concert in two separate areas for bags versus donations. The poll sheets were created and are ready to be put in the programs. Jean will count the results of the poll on Sunday and send the results to Chris V. and Chris B. Those available will help the audio student breaking down his equipment from Art Institute with Chris's ongoing relationship. Lynn is going to be setting up the video equipment.
ACTION: Hannah: bring clipboard to Saturday's concert.
4. **Consortium Festival** – Chris V./ All
--We secured two volunteers for the consortium. We will have more information soon about the consortium soon. We should put info about the consortium on the website and get the word out about the event ASAP and will start fitting vests for the performance during the first rehearsal of next season.
ACTION: Jean will get Irene and Russ to bring vests for fittings to the first rehearsal, Sept. 24 and coordinate sample sizes with Kate.
5. **Rummage Sale** – Margo
--Margo reported that we will have signup sheets for rummage sale at first rehearsal after break and will start making announcements about the sale in gazette and in upcoming rehearsals. So far we have a few volunteers in place already. Brandy will put information on the local blogs about the rummage sale in the next few days. We need to do more to encourage volunteerism and get people involved and excited about the sale. Terrell is picking up and dropping off the keys for the church.
ACTION: Margo will email Russ to get the stickers for the signs to bring on the 24th. She will email Brandy information about rummage sale to post on blogs and will email Joyce to remind her about Northwest Center truck.

ACTION: Terrell will send out an email to bookstores who might be interested in the sale.

6. **Choir Losses** –

--We are losing Hannah to Pro Musica after this concert. She will continue as treasurer for the time being, but we need to start recruiting and considering a new treasurer. This would also be a good opportunity to “shadow” her for a while and have some overlap before taking on this role solo. Bonnie (our Gazette editor) will also be leaving us and we need to find someone to fill that role by the end of October.

ACTION: Chris B. to stand up and talk to choir about board membership on a rolling basis.

ACTION: Ashley and Chris B. to talk to Kathryn and possibly Kate about gazette on Saturday to get baseline information about how we need to proceed. Ashley will temporarily do the weekly gazette until we can find a permanent replacement.

7. **Senior Center Security** – Chris V.

--Door bolt of Senior Center is a problem—see last month’s minutes. We can’t have this situation continue. We need to be able to secure the building. Chris talked with her a month ago and she said she would get back to us; Chris and did not get a response. He has drafted a letter to share with the Senior Center, which the board reviewed and commented on the letter and discussed how we should proceed with the situation.

ACTION: Chris V. will contact Carlye at the Senior Center to ask about the status of the door lock. On the 24th we would like to know we can secure the building. Then, Chris will continue the conversation as needed and see if we get a response that way and take it from there.

8. **Spring Concert (10th Anniversary Edition)** – Chris V.

--Chris V. reports that Earthrise Chamber Choir is very excited about participating with us. Vivaldi’s Gloria is our planned piece to perform together. Due to the large cost of an orchestra, Chris V. approached the board with the idea of doing a 7 piece instrumental group—string quartet, oboe, and trumpet, which would cost approximately \$1750 instead. The board reviewed the proposal and Terrell moved to approve, seconded by Gary. The board approved this concert expense.

Chris V. also noted that we will also need soloists; possibly we could ask some of the students at Cornish to perform the solos in this piece with small honoraria. This could be four or fewer people. There will be a Saturday night concert in Ballard and a Sunday afternoon concert in West Seattle; Saturday night in Ballard and Sunday afternoon in West Seattle during the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. We would try to get a rehearsal with Earthrise at the church. The board is supportive of Chris V. moving forward with this concert.

9. **Action item updates from last meeting** – review Ballard Community Center for potential rehearsal space and/or rummage sale (Chris V); it’s early but any reports from the Rummage Sale Venue Search Committee? (Terrell, Cathy, Jaime); are Bobann and Helena in agreement to run the auction at the annual meeting? (Terrell)

--Chris V.: Community Center is not available on Tuesday nights so this is not a logical possibility. If we are going to look at a rummage sale venue we should also look at potential rehearsal venues as well. This has been tasked to the rummage sale venue search committee. Chris V. suggested Ballard High School as a possibility for a future performance space. Previous conversations have resulted in the fact that we couldn’t use the space due to sports events and Chris V. has noted that there is a new music director who might consider our request.

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ACTION: Terrell will look into the venue and see where would be a good place for us to start in terms of contacting someone at the school.

--Rummage Sale Venue Committee: no reports from the committee.

--Auction: Terrell contacted Bobann and Helena about coordinating the auction; they will handle this. We should invite them to the next meeting to report on this. Annual meeting is Nov. 12.

ACTION: Ashley to invite Helena and Bobann to come to Oct. 10 board meeting to discuss Auction.

ACTION: Jaime will talk to Sarah McCoy about the possibility of using her house for a board meet and greet in December.

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

--Chris V.: Earthrise is now meeting on Thursday nights. This is a conflict and a problem moving forward.

Board agreed to reschedule the remaining meetings for Saturday mornings, so the next meeting will be Sat., Oct 12 at 10am at Jaime's house. 3200 NW 65th St. apt 101. Nov. meeting remains the same, location TBD.

ACTION: Chris B. will update the Google calendar to reflect the date and the schedule.

--Chris V. reminded the board that we should be thinking about people who we should give our annual awards to before our annual meeting.

ACTION: Chris B. will email Kate for list of past recipients and update the document with last year (Bonnie and Joyce) and the year before. For 2012, it was Bonnie and Kate.

--Margo will pick up Chinook Books on Tuesday to sell but not for first practice. She will bring these to one of our future practices.

--Music fee: who will coordinate the music fee with Hannah gone? Ashley and Margo will coordinate with Kate to collect the music fee for Sopranos. Gary will take the tenor and bass sections. Jean and Megan will handle altos. Cathy will also be available to help.

Meeting adjourned: 8:43

<u>Treats</u>	<u>Upcoming</u>	<u>Next Meeting</u>
Sep - N/A	September: Concert	Saturday, October 12, 10am
Oct - N/A	October: Consortium Festival Location: Jaime's Home, 3200 NW 65 th St. 101	
Nov - Margo	October: Rummage Sale	
Dec - N/A	December: Holiday Concert, Echo Glen	
	January: Sing-a-long	