

Market Street Singers Board Meeting (Revision 2)
August 21, 2014

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 21, 2014 at the home of Gloria Chenoweth
Call to order 7:03 p.m.

Present: Gloria Chenoweth, Kate Riordan, Cassie Owens, Marilyn Varas, Chris Vincent.
Visitors: Tom Tsurumaki, Annamaria Taskai, Jenna McGee

1. Quorum – Marilyn

A quorum is not achieved. The group elected to continue the meeting but to postpone votes until the next meeting where a quorum is present.

2. Minutes (ALL)

Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting where a quorum is present.

3. Treasurer's Report (Cassie)

- a. Despite recent member contributions being lower than what is typical, the bank balance is strong at slightly under \$14,000.
- b. The contribution from Ballard Market was lower than anticipated owing to the store's count of receipts being less than our count. In future Sandy will submit receipts on a quarterly basis in hopes of more accurate numbers.
- c. Cassie mentioned that Ken provides us with both monthly and year-to-date totals in budget categories giving us a broader picture of our financial condition than if we review shorter periods.
- d. Matching funds from Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer are set up. Members and others who name Market Street Singers as beneficiaries of these programs will realize donations to the choir. We will remind members of these options again in the fall.
- e. It will soon be time to develop the 2015 budget. The board will work on this with Ken's input where needed.

4. Tasks (Marilyn)

- a. Patty, Jenna, and Tom will head the Rummage Sale team.
- b. Gloria has recruited a team to head the Silent Auction at the Annual Meeting.
- c. Jim Hays will act as choir Wrangler—inform members of interesting community events
- d. Kate, Cassie, and Brandy R. continue to work on the review of choir by-laws and will make suggestions for any changes at the next board meeting.
- e. Marilyn will contact individuals who have requested phone reminders of concerts as opposed to email reminders.

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5. Rummage Sale (Jenna)

- a. Jenna asked several questions regarding the rummage sale as she is new to the process. She will follow up with Brandy Rinck regarding advertising and with Cathy Palmer or Barbara Helde regarding a contact person at St. Luke's Church.
- b. Details regarding the handling of cash, transport of items for sale and donation, set up, and actual sale will be worked out soon. Kate and/or Chris V. referred Jenna to the website for past procedures and will locate that electronic file if it is not readily available.

6. Annual Meeting (Gloria)

- a. There was discussion of a possible change of venue for the Annual Meeting. That decision will be made at the next board meeting.
- b. Further information and solicitation of donations for the Annual Meeting will occur as soon as the fall season begins.

7. Notices for the Gazette (Annamaria)

- a. Annamaria will update Gazette notices with input from Kate regarding board meetings and other important dates.

8. New Business (ALL)

Tom

There was discussion of an all-group gathering after concerts. Members were in favor of the idea although venue is a problem. We are not able to remain at the concert hall past closing time and local venues are typically not large enough for a group our size. Small groups may meet informally. Chris suggested we might meet the Tuesday following concerts at our usual rehearsal time. While this is not ideal per the members, it is an idea we can consider in the future.

Kate

There was discussion of a new structure for the board of directors. Kate outlined her vision of a board of directors as an overarching group of choir members and community members who would meet quarterly. Committees would be formed to handle the various concerns, tasks, and events the choir engages in throughout the year. Committees would report to the board on an as-needed basis. We will consider transitioning to this or a similar model over a period of a year or two. Further research includes meeting with other community organizations similar to ours for input and ideas. Kate will begin to do that and report back to the board on her findings.

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Chris V

Awards to be presented at the annual meeting must be decided by the time of the next board meeting to allow time for printing and framing. We expect there will be three awards and possibly four.

Tenth Anniversary Concert details are falling into place but several items remain uncertain. Chris asked the board members to take on various duties as he determines are needed. Board members agreed to respond promptly to his requests. Certain details will not be finalized until the BHS staff returns to school immediately after Labor Day.

There is an option to record the Tenth Anniversary Concert with Ballard High School's professional equipment. Lynn Arnold will need to coordinate with BHS staff on this.

Programs for the Tenth Anniversary Concert are in process and Chris will include a reminder of the Rummage Sale date.

More volunteers are needed for the night of the concert. Gloria will step in on this in the event others do not come forward soon.

Clear communication with choir members regarding donations to the Rummage Sale is critical. Certain items cannot be accepted by GoodWill at the close of the sale and therefore should not be brought to the sale at all. This must be stressed continually as it has been a problem in the past.

Chris noticed several important steps in our post-rehearsal clean-up that were left undone last week. He requested we be more careful. Board members will step in to be sure details are handled both prior to rehearsal and afterward. Marilyn and Dan will stay at the end of rehearsals to help clean up. Extra help for set up and close up is always appreciated.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Upcoming

September 13 th	Fall concert
October 17 th /18 th	Rummage Sale
November 11 th	Annual Meeting & Silent Auction
December 13 th	Holiday concert
December 14 th	Echo Glen

Next Meeting: September 18

