

**Market Street Singers
Board Meeting – November 20, 2014**

November 20, 2014 at the home of Kate Riordan
Call to order: 7:04 pm

Present: Kate Riordan, Chris Vincent, Patty Stedman, Jean Bowman, Gloria Chenoweth, Marilyn Varas, Brandy Rinck, Gary Woods, Kim Stickney, Annamaria Taskai

Minutes from the last Meeting from October 30, 2014

Gary motioned to accept the minutes, Gloria seconded it. All approved. Minutes accepted as written.

1. Treasurer's Report – Kim let the board know that the pizza order went far over budget. She suggested that in order to avoid situations like this in the future it would be practical to propose a quick meeting with the treasurer before the Board would approve spending money over the event budget. The Board supported this idea.

2. Task List – Marilyn

a. Board Open House Party – Jean

The party will be held at Sarah McCoy's house on at December 6, 2014. Jean is in charge of the event. Everyone received the invitation. Everyone should bring dessert and wine to the party. So far we expect about nine choir members and eight board members to attend. The event will be announced in the Gazette.

b. Christmas Concert

The risers have to be transferred from Kate's house to the church on Tuesday – volunteers needed to lift them. Gary and Kim will be charge of counting the money after the concert. Jean volunteered to pick up the church key on December 2nd. Caroling – Chris recommended to organize a group of volunteers in the future so they can take care of all the tasks required to be finished after the concert (e.g. cleaning packing, taking care of the money etc.) This way, he could be present at the after concert caroling.

c. Sing-Along January 25

We need more sets of music this year because last year we ran out of music. Chris should let Kate know about the exact pieces she should provide for the event.

3. Electing New Board Members/Officials

Annamaria Taskai as Secretary – Jean motioned, Gloria seconded.
Kim Stickney as Treasurer – Patty motioned, Marilyn seconded.
All approved. Motions moved.

4. Board Meeting Schedule for 2015

The Board agreed that the meetings would be held every other month in even months starting February 15, 2105 on the third Thursdays of the months. It means the following dates: February 19, April 16, June 18, August 20, October 15 and December 17.

5. Annual Meeting/ Auction – Gloria

The silent auction was a great success this year. The auction brought in way more than last year's earnings but we also had more items this year. The Board agreed that trying the new location was a good idea. Next year we should consider having music as a nice addition and maybe we should consider getting a license to serve alcohol.

6. Committees – Kate

Kate's idea of only meeting every other month can come to the realization if committees will be created. Committee ideas are the followings:

- Sing along/Folklife Festival
- Concert production
- Picnic
- Annual Meeting/Auction
- Rummage Sale
- Financial
- Membership/Recruitment

Chris expressed his concerns about how the committees would work in the beginning. Kate suggested that on one hand we as a Board should keep an eye on the committees' work and processes; on the other hand all committees should have a board member as a so called board liaison. Lots of board members were volunteering to positions. This issue is in progress.

7. Director's Report – Chris

Chris suggested that at the end of the Board meetings when Kate asks the members about their other questions, she should ask him first because he usually has lots of issues to raise and he doesn't want to keep people from leaving on time. The Board agreed that sometimes we need to stay over 9 pm and nobody had a problem with that.

Chris also raised the issue of the possibility of occasional emergency meetings. In case an unexpected but important issue comes up he needs help with, he can call an emergency meeting. The Board agreed to the suggestion.

8. Miscellaneous

a. New Bank Account Signers

Since our treasurer is no longer Cassie Owens we needed to authorize Kim Stickney as a signer on the choir's bank account. Annamaria motioned, Brandy seconded it. All approved. Motion approved. The copy of the signed Resolution was given to Kim.

b. TMMS Facebook Site

Annamaria suggested that the group photo of the choir serving as a cover photo on our Facebook site should be updated. The Board agreed that keep that issue in mind until the next opportunity when an after-concert group shot can be taken.

c. May Concert

Chris's original plan for the spring concert was the second week of May but a lot of instrumentalists were not available on that date. Chris suggested scheduling the concert on the May 30-31 weekend. The Board agreed with the idea.

Upcoming:

- December 13th Christmas Concert
- December 14th Appearance at Echo Glenn
- December 16th Assembly Concert in New Horizons
- January 25th Sing Along

Next Meeting: December 18, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.