

**Market Street Singers
Board Meeting – April 15, 2015**

April 15, 2015 at the home of President Kate Riordan
Call to order: 7:07 pm

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

Absent: Brandy Rinck

Accepting the minutes from the last meeting

Patty motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting on February 18, 2015; Gloria seconded it. All approved. Minutes accepted as written.

1. Finances:

a. GiveBig!

The choir is not participating in Seattle Foundation's GiveBig event this year. The choir's contributions lessened and it is partly because members were expecting to donate via GiveBig. Although Kate announced the change to the choir, Kim will send a Gazette announcement to remind members about the importance of donating their time or money. Barbara Lay decided to join to the Finance Committee as a member.

b. Music Fee

Since the decline of the contributions affects other choir projects, Kim suggested raising the music fee from \$10. Chris noted that the music fee we collect from the members was never intended to cover all the expenses of the sheet music. It serves more like a subsidy and that was working fine so far. Chris suggested to keep the music fee as it is now because raising it could trigger a bad effect on the contributions.

2. New Printer Services

Zebra Print Shop in West Seattle is the choir's new printer service. We have already ordered the May concert's materials from them.

3. MailChimp

The testing of the MailChimp email campaign system, conducted by Annamaria, has finished. She tested all the requested features, sent out various layouts for the Gazette and put together a step-by-step for managing the in-cloud roster. The Board agreed that we would change our Constant Contact subscription to MailChimp. This service is free for the choir. It will take about two weeks to set up everything and then John can cancel the current Constant Contact subscription.

4. Membership Committee

The Board agreed that Gloria and Mitch join creating a template questionnaire for future members. Gloria will contact Mitch to settle on the details.

5. Ambassador Choir

The Ambassador Choir will perform at Echo Glenn in August 2015. The Board agreed that due to Chris's hectic schedule we wouldn't have extra recurring rehearsals like last year. We will meet 2-3 times before the concert to refresh the pieces of the summer repertoire.

6. Chorus America

Chris decided not to attend the Chorus America this year.

7. Folklife Festival

We have 5 volunteers so far to hand out music and flyers for our May concert and to sell bags. To recruit even more volunteers Jean will write a section about it to the next Gazette.

8. After Concert Party

Gloria will host the after concert party at her home again this year. The instrumentalists will be invited, too.

9. Chris's Announcements

a. Cornish College of the Arts would like to borrow some of the sheet music from our music library. The Board approved.

b. We will receive music from a disbanded choir Chris knows for free.

c. The date of the fall concert is set. It will be on September 12, 2015.

10. May Concert

So far it looks like the production committee is up-to-date about the tasks to be taken care of for the concert. We need volunteers for moving the risers in the church. Marilyn will take care of bringing flowers for Ingrid.

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 17, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.