

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Geoff Barnard. Those in attendance: Geoff Barnard., Jim Knox., Carolyn Stoops., Sue Katka, Pendra Surette, Paula McClean, Shelley Payne. Absent: Liz Johnston-Cecchi.
- II. Approval of Agenda- the agenda was approved after the addition of discussion for the opening up of the position being held by Jan Tuckerman of librarian.
- III. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was tabled.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - as of the end of March Checks written/debits 1590.15 Rec'vd/deposits 4148.14
Checking Bal 10,203.90 CD 5040.60
CD will mature May 21. Pendra and Shelley will research banks rates for the best vehicle for our assets and present the findings at our next meeting. A decision will then be made at the next meeting as to the maturing CD.
- V. Music Director's Report/Music and Program Committee - Jim
- Brahms Requiem May 15-17 - Jim handed out phrasing.
- Spring tour, Longview WA May 21 - 23 - Jim negotiated for the lowering of the fee for the venue which is \$1360 divided by three choirs. Jim will conduct clinics on Friday for a charge which will be added to our choir fund. There have been unforeseen glitches in the organization of the festival as in the procurement of the venue and the illness of one of the directors. There are only a few of these 2 Year College Festivals in the country. Jim would like Cascade Chorale to be involved in its inception. Pendra made a motion with Shelley seconding that we approve \$450 to be paid for our part in the festival.
The motion passed.
- Holiday Magic - Lindy Gravelle will be back. There will be a Friday and Sunday evening performance and a Saturday afternoon matinee geared to families.
It will be a shortened hour and a half performance to include Jim's children choir, a shortened set by the chorale and The Marines with Toys for Tots.
- VI. Report of Committees
-Publicity and Marketing (Paula) - The cost of the polo shirts will be \$9. The chorale logo will be on the front and the COCC logo on the sleeve. There will be additional charges for freight (unknown cost), \$25 set-up fee, and \$40 to convert the .jpeg file into a printable logo. This company only needs a 10 day lead time for orders. Jim will have a "dry run" of the shirt made so we can doublecheck the size of the logos. Jim will talk to the company he has used in the past and compare costs. After discussion it was decided to charge \$10 per shirt for four singers. Another order will be placed in the fall for additional shirts.
At that time we can consider hats, music bags, etc. Pendra will have a sign-up sheet at our rehearsals. Singers must pay for the shirts when they are ordered.
-Fundraising (Geoff)- We are not generating the income that we had in the past from our fall concerts. We used to make at least \$500 in the fall.
Now we are just breaking even, having to pay for soloists and orchestra members. Jim and Geoff will meet with Jim Lee to suggest more of an equitable partnership to share in the proceeds from Holiday Magic. We used to make \$4000 from concerts each year. Now we need to look at other ways to generate income.

-Nominating (Geoff) - Geoff would like to invite key volunteers to our meeting. It was discussed and Geoff will e-mail key volunteers especially when the agenda dictates pertinent topics of discussion. Barb Rich, Ron Melver, Dale Thoreen and Patri are some potential invites.

VII. Other business/ new business

-Meeting procedures - There are several suggestions such as posting minutes and agendas online on our website. Jim suggested we revamp the area of our website under the Chorale Association. There people can click on Board Members with pictures and access meeting agendas and minutes. Carolyn will suggest other websites that Dale could use as examples for this area of our website. Dale will also be asked if there is a way to track the "hits" to our website to determine usage and interest.

-Between meeting voting- Our by-laws do not provide for between meeting voting unless the Executive Board convenes at our regular rehearsals. The by-laws could be amended to provide for online meetings or whatever we deem necessary for future needs.

-Chorale tuition- Jim will find out how the chorale could use the Chris Wilson Foundation to defer part of the cost of the tuition for each term as is done with symphony. If the tuition could be lowered it would be a big morale and economic boost to members. Foundation funds are approved in the late fall.

There is not enough money available to fund the total tuition. Perhaps we could buy down the tuition to at least \$50. Jim will pursue \$1500 per term. Jim will talk to Michael Gesme and find out to cover 80 chorale members what it would take to obtain funds.

- IRS filing- Geoff will file the required Form 990.

-Librarian position - Jan Tuckerman is retiring from her librarian position. Her tuition is paid each term for her work. We need a regular attending chorale member to fill the position. Jim has someone in mind.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Sue Katka
Recording Secretary