

Harrisburg Men's Chorus
2010 Annual Meeting Minutes (Approved)
August 30, 2010

Location: Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

2009-2010 Board Members Present: Bob Eisenhour, Bob Nease, Dan Deitzel, Dave Walker, Eric Selvey, Kevin Wagner, Lucy Twitchell, Paul Foltz, Robb Papapietro, Steve Creps and Terry Karanen

Chorus Members, Staff and Guests Present:

Ben Martindale, Bill Kennedy, Chuck Atwell, David Payne, George Ambrose, José Venereo, Kit Nease, Tim Coleman, Wayne Minich and Zack Ford

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Paul at 7:07pm.
- 2) **Additions to/Deletions from the Agenda and Approval:** There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Eric and seconded by Lucy. With no further discussion the vote was called and passed. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Paul).
- 3) **Reports – all written**
 - A) **President:** There was one question from Bob N. regarding who was being designated as the liaison to the board from the chorus (singers). Paul stated a specific liaison was not necessary as several of the board members are singers and that any singing member can approach any board member with concerns. Paul also indicated that chorus concerns would now be a regular agenda item at board meetings.
 - B) **Artistic Director:** There were no questions or further comments on the report.
 - C) **Secretary:** There were no questions or further comments on the report.
 - i) **Review sign up/registration in Musetta:** Terry reviewed the registration form that will hopefully go live on Musetta over Labor Day weekend; he indicated he will send out an email when it is available for use. He reminded everyone to check and/or update their "About Me" page prior to completing the registration for this semester.
 - D) **Treasurer:** The financial reports were reviewed by Steve. Bob N. asked about whether or not the GALA fund would be reimbursed for the amount used this year that should have gone to the GALA fund. It was noted that this discussion was postponed from the July board meeting and will be discussed at the September board meeting.
 - i) **Finance Committee:** Steve reviewed the 2010-2011 budget. José brought up a question on new costume pieces. There is little in the budget for new costumes (or

props), but if members are willing to pay for new pieces change would be possible. Paul noted that most choruses do not pay for costumes and that our organization would be returning that that system, asking members to provide their own costumes/attire.

ii) Review new dues program: Annual dues will remain at \$60 for the *season*, not \$30 for the *semester* as has been done in the past. There are two plans – pay in full, or pay \$10 for six months. Paul stressed that if payment was an issue for anyone that they should speak to a board member – *no one should feel that they cannot sing because they cannot afford to pay dues*. Arrangements can be made and scholarships are also possible. Steve and Paul both spoke to the amount of dues that members may choose to pay. While the dues are \$60, the membership is being challenged by the board to consider being a sponsor of the chorus as well, based on the sponsorship levels noted in the finance committee report.

E) Fundraising: There were no questions or further comments on the report. Bob N. discussed the volunteer opportunities at Hershey. He will continue to contact the members with dates and events at Hershey and Terry confirmed that the Hershey Park packet of information on volunteering is available on Musetta.

i) Review Farm Show event: The upcoming Farm Show events were discussed. (NOTE: The dates are on the semester schedule – available on Musetta. Shifts will be loaded into Musetta and available for signup as soon as they are received by the Secretary.)

F) Publicity: The report was discussed by Dan, who acknowledged Kevin's work in poster/postcard design, printing and organization; Terry for Musetta coordination with PR; and his entire PR committee.

G) Production: Paul encouraged all singers to read through the report for various changes to rehearsal, attendance and scheduling procedures. Concerts will be shorter, but there will be more venues.

H) IT: The report was reviewed. Terry asked if Robb had information on our Facebook account since Dan Crowley had created the account and was updating it regularly, but had resigned from the Chorus. Robb will contact Dan to get the password and any other information needed.

4) Elections – Vice President: Nominations from the floor were requested. The following names were added to the ballot for Member-at-Large (which in the Bylaws is actually *Director-at-Large*): Chuck Atwell, Kit Nease, Wayne Ross, and Mark Espee. No additional individuals were nominated for President or Secretary. Bob N. and Robb have now rotated off the board and Paul acknowledged their service and work on behalf of the Chorus. Ballots were collected and Chuck Atwell and Kit Nease were elected to replace Bob N. and Robb; Eric and Lucy were elected for their second two-year term. The 2010-2011 Board of Directors is now:

Paul R. Foltz, President (2010-2012)
Daniel W. Deitzel, III, Vice President (2009-2011)
Terry Drew Karanen, Secretary (2010-2012)
Steve Creps, Treasurer (2009-2011)

Directors-at-Large:
Bob Eisenhower (2009-2011)
Chuck Atwell (2010-2012)
Dave Walker (ex-officio)
Eric Selvey (2010-2012)
Kevin Wagner (2009-2011)
Kit Nease (2010-2012)
Lucy Twitchell (2010-2012)

Congratulations to all the new and continuing board members!

- 5) **Next Board Meeting:** Paul reminded everyone of the next board meeting and for board members to have their reports in by the due dates:
- i) **Sunday, September 19th, 6pm, UCH**
 - ii) **Written reports to be emailed to all board members by Thursday, September 16, 2010.**
 - iii) **Agenda items to be emailed to Paul by Thursday, September 16, 2010.**
- 6) **Adjournment for Refreshments and Rehearsal!** Hearing no further items for the good of the organization, Paul asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Robb and seconded by Eric. The vote was called without further discussion and passed. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Paul).

Respectfully submitted by Terry Drew Karanen, Board Secretary on August 31, 2010.