

Lawrence Civic Choir
Board Meeting
Minutes
February 6, 2006

Present: Marlene Merrill, Susan Gandhi, Jeanine Morton, Elaine McCullough, Margaret Holdeman, Gloria Baker, Laura Morgan, Fred Johnson, Steve Eubank, Paul Tucker, Andi Parson, Robert Vaughan

1 Minutes

- 1.1 The board considered minutes for the December 2005 board meeting and the January 2006 retreat.
- 1.2 Fred noted that in 3.7 of the December meeting minutes "Mallott" should be "Mallett."
- 1.3 Jeanine requested that 5.1 of the January retreat minutes be revised to reflect that she would "like" to step down as treasurer rather than that she "needed" to step down.
- 1.4 Motion and vote: Andi moved to accept the December 2005 and January 2006 minutes as amended. Fred seconded and the motion passed.

2 Treasurer's report

- 2.1 Jeanine distributed her treasurer's report.
- 2.2 She indicated that the choir actually lost about \$2000 on the Holiday concert with advertising costs taken into account.
- 2.3 Jeanine reported that she and Lois met at last week's rehearsal and resolved the accounting issues related to dresses.
 - 2.3.1 She commented that the accounting problems led her to conclude that the choir needed to keep better track of scholarships given for attire.
- 2.4 Jeanine reported that she was in the process of applying for a debit card that would be used to order attire.
- 2.5 Marlene and Jeanine will get together and work on next year's budget.
- 2.6 Motion and vote: Fred moved approval of the treasurer's report as submitted, Jean seconded, and the motion was approved.

3 President's report

- 3.1 Marlene reported that choir member Jeremy Martin and his wife volunteered to help put the First Baptist sanctuary back in order after rehearsals.
- 3.2 Marlene will prepare a grant proposal to submit to the Kansas Arts Commission; the application is due in mid-March.
- 3.3 Board vacancies
 - 3.3.1 Gloria indicated that she would not serve a second three-year term on the board.
 - 3.3.2 Marlene stated that she believed there would be four board vacancies.

4 Director's report

- 4.1 Elaine announced the Music Committee's selections for the Holiday Concert 2006.
 - 4.1.1 1st Half
 - 4.1.1.1 Make We Joy, Dale Warland Singers
 - 4.1.1.2 "Sanctus" from Requiem, Durufle
 - 4.1.1.3 O Magnum Mysterium, Victoria
 - 4.1.1.4 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of Sabaoth Alexander
 - 4.1.1.5 Rejoice In the Lamb, Britten
 - 4.1.1.6 Hodie, John Leavitt
 - 4.1.2 2nd Half
 - 4.1.2.1 Hamba (Kwanza piece)
 - 4.1.2.2 A Christmas Carol Ives

- 4.1.2.3 Donkey Carol Rutter
 - 4.1.2.4 Twas In the Moon of Winter Time
 - 4.1.2.5 Many Moods of Christmas Suite IV Robert Shaw Medley (we own 86 copies)
 - 4.1.2.6 Still, Still, Still Luboff (we own 107 copies)
 - 4.1.3 She indicated that the pieces selected should not require extra instrumentalists.
 - 4.2 For the 2007 Spring Concert the committee is considering *The Elijah* by Mendelssohn.
 - 4.3 Steve indicated that Janet Corwin would not be able to play the second piano part on the Brahms *Requiem* this spring.
 - 4.4 Steve commented that Paul had offered KU facilities for the choir's use for sectional rehearsals.
 - 4.4.1 Steve suggested taking advantage of this and having two rehearsals devoted to sectionals: February 27th and March 6th.
 - 4.4.1.1 Paul will check on the availability of rooms.
- 5 Old Business
- 5.1 Rehearsal CD's
 - 5.1.1 Matt has completed the rehearsal CD's and will distribute them to the choir.
 - 5.2 Signature piece
 - 5.2.1 Steve argued in favor of closing each Holiday Concert with Silent Night.
 - 5.2.2 The Music Committee has discussed a possible Spring Concert signature piece.
 - 5.2.2.1 Third movement of Phoenix of the Plains a possibility.
 - 5.2.2.2 How Can I Keep From Singing another suggestion.
 - 5.2.3 Jeanine suggested calling it an encore piece rather than a signature piece.
 - 5.2.4 Steve commented that the entire choir needed to support whatever piece(s) were selected.
- 6 New Business
- 6.1 Ticket distribution procedures
 - 6.1.1 The issue relates to the need to generate a better count of the number of tickets sold and the number of people in attendance at the concert.
 - 6.1.1.1 Steve suggested numbering the tickets as a way to keep better track.
 - 6.1.1.2 Jean suggested that a separate committee made up of choir members be established to sell tickets.
 - 6.1.2 The board reached consensus that no major changes needed to be made to the ticket distribution procedures.
 - 6.2 Kansas Tour Committee
 - 6.2.1 The committee will meet at halftime of rehearsal.
 - 6.3 Committee meetings on February 20
 - 6.3.1 ADA committee (Andi, Matt, Marlene)
 - 6.3.2 Attire Committee (Lois, Jeanine, Margaret, Jean, Marlene)
 - 6.4 Venue issue
 - 6.4.1 Music Committee will begin the process of exploring alternative concert venue(s) and making sure that concert venue arrangements are thought out.
 - 6.5 No rehearsal on March 20th for Spring Break.
- 7 **Next meeting:** March 13, 2006, 6:15 at First Baptist.