

# Valdosta Choral Guild

## Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Valdosta Choral Guild Board of Directors was held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Monday, July 11 at 6:30 pm. The following members were present: Ralph Gosnell, Patti Erskine, Judy Bennett, Terry Erskine, Sally Honeycutt, Jim Rinehart, Mary Boyd, Dave Young, Jennie Touchton, Rachel Albritton, Melody Erskine, Tamara Thomas, Adrienne Reissiger, and Jean Plondke.

Jim Rinehart called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

### **Review/ Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

We have about \$5500 in the treasury now. The treasurer's report was accepted. We discussed paying Brittany Bashore by the half year rather than monthly. This will make things easier for Mary, as will buying Quicken.

### **Finance:**

The patron deadline is coming up.

### **Membership:**

Dave is updating the e-mail list and drafting a letter.

### **Library:**

Judy says that the library needs another work day and more organizing. It will be easier if we can file the Christmas music separate from the spring music. Ralph, Judy, and Jim have keys to the library.

### **Publicity:**

It was moved, seconded and approved to have a booth at "Happening" – something at VSU early in the semester. We need a handout for this. Rachel will ask about a canopy.

Rachel suggested that we participate in the Christmas parade. It will cost \$50 plus the cost of candy to hand out. It is the day of the dress rehearsal, but not at the same time. It was moved, seconded and approved to participate.

She will contact Dean Poling about an article to start off the season.

**Social:**

We can delay decision of activities, and after the concerts was one suggestion. There will be a cake at the first rehearsal.

**Music:**

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year -Ades  
We Need a Little Christmas - Anita Kerr  
Christmas Day -Holst  
Carol of the Bells -Wilhousky  
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring –Bach  
Twende Bethlehemu – Lynn Shaw Bailey  
Hanukkah Song Vicki TUCKER Courtney  
African Alleluia -Harlan  
Throw the Yule Log on, Uncle John P.D.Q. Bach  
Let There Be Peace on Earth -Ades ( poor vowels in this recording)  
We Wish you a Merry Christmas - John Rutter  
Bidi Bom – a Hanukah song  
Baby It's Cold Outside

These were the songs that were agreed upon for the fall season. Some of the music is out of print, so we can legally make copies.

A name for the concert was discussed, and "Peace on Earth" suggested. This was moved, seconded, and approved.

It was moved, seconded and approved to order the new music, and supplemental pieces.

There will be a meeting at Turner on Saturday, August 20 at 10 am (for those able to come) to organize the new music and get it into envelopes.

It was suggested that we leave music here the first 3 weeks so new people who don't come back won't have possession of music. Section leaders need to get music back if someone leaves. We will assign regular members music first, then the board members.

Concerts will be the first weekend in December and the first weekend in May.

Adrienne will talk to accompanists – she has a couple in mind.

It was moved, seconded and approved to move board meetings to the second Monday in the month.

We discussed changing rehearsal time, but after a straw poll, decided to keep the rehearsals at 7:30. It was suggested that we need a suggestion box.

At this time Adrienne was dismissed.

We then discussed salary.

It was moved, seconded and approved to pay the director \$1250 per season.

It was moved, seconded and approved to pay the accompanist \$750 per season.

It was moved, seconded and approved to budget \$1250 per concert for music.

It was moved, seconded and approved to pay \$250 for practice space per season.

It was moved, seconded and approved to pay \$250 for the concert space per season.

Website hosting – it was agreed to let Mary handle this, with the understanding that she may pay the hosting bill just twice a year rather than monthly.

We need a committee to do some rewrites on the handbook and bylaws. Jim, Dave, and Mary will be on this committee, and we need 2 or 3 from the general membership. This was moved, seconded and approved.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Plondke, Secretary