

# Valdosta Choral Guild

## Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Valdosta Choral Guild Board of Directors was held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Ralph Gosnell, Patti Erskine, Judy Bennett, Paulette Butts, Jana Gumley, Terry Erskine, Sally Honeycutt, Jim Rinehart, Ann Embry, Mary Boyd, Dave Young, Jennie Touchton, Rachel Albritton, Melody Erskine, Tamara Thomas, Brenda Lipscomb, and Jean Plondke.

Jim Rinehart called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He started out the meeting by handing out various papers, including e-mail addresses of the board, a treasurer's report, tentative schedule for the year, and a list of ideas for the Choral Guild.

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

Minutes were approved.

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

The total before the meeting was \$6,065.88. The treasurer's report was accepted.

### **Concert:**

Ralph reported that the concerts went off as planned.

### **Finance:**

It was reported that the fund raiser made over \$1300 – almost 3 times fundraisers in previous years. The schedule given us by the president has the timing for the parts of next year's fundraising.

### **Membership:**

No report

### **Publicity:**

Rachel is planning for radio and newspaper coverage for next year. She is also hoping to be on campus for "The Happening" in August, and in the parade on the day of the Christmas concert rehearsal.

### **History:**

Paulette asked why no picture with the article in the paper about the spring concert.

### **Social:**

Jennie and Jim suggested that there be a cake quarterly to celebrate birthdays.

**Section leaders:**

Duties of the section leaders will be discussed at the next meeting. Also we need to discuss a change to the bylaws to not require section leaders to come to the board meetings.

**Old business:**

There was a discussion of the payment for rehearsal space. It was discussed how much to pay St. John's church -\$250 and the same to St. John's school was suggested. This will be done both spring and fall. We need to decide whether to pay by the month or by semester. It was suggested that this be revisited next meeting.

We will decide how much to pay both rehearsal and performance venues next meeting.

Website hosting: Brittany has been busy with premature twins. Jim will try to talk to Brittany to see if she can and wants to continue hosting the website. The website hosting will be discussed again at next meeting.

**New Business:**

Ronda is resigning. There was discussion as to her replacement. Anyone with suggestions should give them to Jim. There will probably be a called meeting to choose a new director.

Mary suggests that announcements to the choral guild be made at the beginning of the rehearsal.

It was moved and seconded to be in the parade the first Saturday in December. This will be a volunteer thing, not required. Motion carried.

Ralph says that we will need a new banner (the present one is wearing out) and that this will cost between \$1500 and \$2000. This was moved and seconded and approved. Banner placement is best if scheduled early and costs \$90 per concert season. It was moved and seconded to prepay and ask for the placement for both concerts, and this motion carried.

The membership handbook needs to be redone.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Plondke, Secretary