

Valdosta Choral Guild

Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Valdosta Choral Guild Board of Directors was held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Monday at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Ann Embry, Margie Vollenweider, Polly Diamond, Ralph Gosnell, Paulette Butts, Dick Uhlir, Jim Rinehart, Brittany Brown, Anna Marie Schaer, and Jean Plondke.

Review/ Approval of Minutes

Ann Embry, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Polly Diamond, new treasurer reported that as of today there is \$3631.39. The report was approved.

Correspondence:

Judy Varnado sent a letter resigning as librarian, and says that she will not be singing with us next year.

Ann announced that she was having more tests, and sees the doctor on Friday to determine the next course of treatments.

Concert:

Jim (in charge of fund raisers) wondered how the board felt about having corporate sponsors. General consensus was that it was great.

The concert place and date was discussed, with the final decision for the concerts to be at Messiah Lutheran on the 7th and 8th of December with the dress rehearsal on the 6th.

Brittany Brown (new director) spent a lot of time discussing the proposed program:

NEW PIECE 1. [Bethlehem Procession](#) by Pepper Choplin (SATB)

*Welcome all

2. [Gloria For Christmas](#) by Jim Ailor (SATB)

3. [Do You Hear What I Hear](#) by Harry Simeone (SATB)

4. *piano duet with Brittany Brown and Kay Vincent*

*Introduce next songs while singers prepare

5. [Away in a Manger](#) by Mack Wilberg (SATB)

6. [Go Tell It On The Mountain](#) by Philip Kern (SATB)

NEW PIECE 7. [Holy Night, Silent Night](#) by Ruth Elaine Schram (SAB)

*Announce sing-along

8. [Sing Joy: A Medley of Carols](#) by Jay Althouse (SATB)

*Announce intermission

NEW PIECE 9. [God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen with Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker](#) Suite by Larry Shackley (SATB with 4-hand piano)

INTERMISSION

1. *Carol of the Bells piano duet with Brittany Brown and Kay Vincent*

*Welcome Back while singers take their places

2. Deck the Halls by Jerry Weseley Harris (SATB with echo quintet) *can't find anywhere online to listen

3. Christmas Time Is Here from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" by David Pugh (SATB) *can't find anywhere online to listen

4. [Nutcracker Jingles](#) by Chuck Bridwell (SATB)

*Announce next selections

5. [Winter Wonderland](#) by Roger Emerson (SATB)

6. [White Christmas](#) by Roy Ringwald (SATB with 4-hand piano)

7. [Snow](#) by Mark Brymer (SATB)

*Announce sing along

8. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas Medley by Teena Chinn (SATB) *cant's find anywhere online to listen

*Thanks for coming! Additional VCG information

9. [I'll Be Home For Christmas](#) by Mark Hayes (SATB)

The new music, based on 50 people, would be \$302.50 + shipping (\$18.99).

Brittany was told that we need to include some Hanukkah selections, and it was agreed that they would replace the Gloria piece in the first half, and the Charlie Brown selection in the second half as appropriate. (The first half is more sacred, the second more secular.)

The program was accepted as listed with the Hanukkah additions. It was agreed that the music should be purchased as needed, noting that Brittany has some copies of 2 pieces, so that we could borrow those from her and the cost would be less than reported above.

Some guest musicians will be needed (another pianist and drummer for instance) but as far as possible they will be chosen from within the group.

Rehearsals should begin with sectionals, according to Brittany.

It was agreed to start rehearsing on August 25, and rehearse on Labor Day (September 1).

The board agreed to meet at 7 on the third Monday of August (18th) to prepare the music packets. Without a librarian, this seemed like a fair way to do the job – and then after rehearsals start we can decide on a new librarian.

Section leaders are to encourage members to wear name tags and to greet others.

We also need a social chairman.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Plondke, Secretary