

# Valdosta Choral Guild

## Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Valdosta Choral Guild Board of Directors was held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:30 PM. The following members were present: Ann Embry, Norwood Simmons, Don Vollenweider, Margie Vollenweider, Polly Diamond , Ralph Gosnell, Dick Uhlir, Judy Varnado, Kevin Jackson, and Jean Plondke

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

Ann Embry, President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

There is \$7,427.62 in the bank as of October 31. The report was approved.

### **Correspondence:**

None

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Membership:**

Dick reported that there are now 51 members. We need to remove Princess Lee and Anita Armstrong. Jim Rinehart will not be able to sing at the December concert.

#### **Concert:**

Ralph reported he has tickets to be passed out. Money should be returned to the section leaders. Tickets can be obtained from members or at the door (or by being a patron) and nowhere else. Kevin talked about a website to use for getting tickets. The fee would be passed on per ticket to the buyer (so no charge to the guild.)

Ralph has the posters ready, and 9 yard signs ready. Others will be ready to go out by the time they should go up – about December 1. Posters will go to Daniel to pass out.

We need ticket takers at 2 different doors at First Methodist Church.

**Finance:**

Polly reports that of the 688 patron letters that went out, 23 were returned as undeliverable. From this mailing we have received \$3449, including money from 19 members.

**Publicity:**

Daniel reports that starting December 9 there will be public service announcements and radio announcements about the concerts. There will also be an article in the newspaper.

The concert in Quitman (previously scheduled for December 1) did not work out.

Daniel reports that he will be unable to sing in the spring but will remain on the board (has a rehearsal conflict on Mondays.)

**Social Event:**

No report

**Historical Records:**

No report

**Library:**

Judy announced that she had brought the hole punch and the black notebooks so that music may be prepared for the concerts.

**Music Director's report:**

Kevin says that he needs to set the program and order music for next semester before Christmas. He would like to have the music available for members to pick up and read through prior to rehearsals. He would like to have section specific CD's to go with the music.

60 copies of new music will need to be ordered, and not everything that is in the file has 60 copies, so more of some things in the file may need to be ordered.

He would like to have sectionals during spring rehearsals. His suggestion is that he pull out sections to work with and have Becky and or Ann run the rest of rehearsal.

He wants to recruit old members to come back. He would like to hear everyone's voice but not as an audition.

Instruments needed for the December concerts are the organ and piano, 4 trumpets and 2 percussion. The other instruments needed can be played by members. Compensation for the instrumentalists was discussed, and Kevin was instructed to

offer \$120 to each musician for the rehearsal and 2 concerts since they will only be needed on the first piece.

**Old business:**

Can we set the concert weekends in advance, so we can lock in the venues ahead of time? Now we seem to have to set the concert dates when we can find a venue available. Board members need to think about this.

Next board meeting will be December 9 so it will be before the concerts.

Rehearsals will resume the Monday after Martin Luther King Day in January.

It was decided to not renew the Chamber of Commerce membership. It was thought that the Chamber is mainly for business people and we didn't fit the mold.

**New business:**

Dick wanted to know if we were planning on going caroling to the hospital and nursing home. This was done a couple of years ago. Nothing was finalized on this.

**Adjourn:** the meeting was adjourned at 7:18

Respectfully submitted

Jean Plondke

Secretary