

MINUTES
MISHAWUM CHORAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2015

Submitted by Karen Girouard, Secretary

Present: Brian Girouard, Karen Girouard, Cassandra Kovacs, Chris Ferguson, Linda Lue Leiserson, Myrna Tichenor, Renelle Hebert, Loretta Tocio, Brian Gilbertie, Bob Vieira, Walt Howe

Call to order 7:05 pm

1--Review of election slate for 2015/2016 board members (as emailed by Brian Girouard). No changes.

2—Bob Vieira will review and update the chorus by laws. He will work out wording to include electronic voting and to add another member at large position to the board. Authorization unanimous.

3—Website/IT status. Chris and Walt met and transferred information. Chris and Linda are working within Weebly.com, and the new website will be live before the first rehearsal. Goal is for the website to be an easy, quick, simple, and up to date way for members to access information. Ideas for additions to website include: Bios and director and accompanist, retrospective pictures and video clips, pictures and videos clips of rehearsals, audio tracks of MCS performances (instead of CDs for members), pointers to You Tube clips for current rehearsal pieces, practice mp3 files of individual voice parts for the closing piece, and a restricted section for the Board only with an up to date roster and other confidential documents.

4—New logo should show we are an empowered chorus, able to sing high level pieces. There will be an online opinion poll for the new logo, and the Board will ultimately choose.

5—Library Thing. We already have an account with over 400 existing entries. It just needs to be updated. It is already on the website.

6—Sponsorship/Fundraising. Bob is sending renewal letters to sponsors and donors and has a list of sites that donate to 501(c)(3). All chorus members are encouraged to seek sponsorships. Chris requests anything that needs to go on the website be sent directly to him.

7—Messiah Concert. This will be in combination with the St Charles adult chorus. It will be voluntary for MCS members. Performance date and additional rehearsals are TBD.

8—Advertising for new members. Meetup.com is currently on hold because of the cost. Instead moving forward with craigslist, Advocate newspaper and online news, community access tv, and posters.

9—Appointment Brian Gilbertie as music director and Sarah Lafontaine as accompanist-unanimous.

10—Dues to remain the same (\$80 for full year or \$45 for each half)--unanimous. Decision to repair the health of the chorus through sponsorship and ticket sales instead of raising dues.

11—Welcome/check in table at first rehearsal will be outside the chorus room in the hall, staffed by Cassie and Renelle. ALL members need to sign in with current contact information. Everyone will get music and a welcome packet.

12—Dates.

September 8—first rehearsal

December 4—Dress rehearsal

December 6—concert

13—Advance notice to be given. Dress rehearsal is mandatory. Date will be announced at first rehearsal AND in the welcome packet AND on the website. Members will also be given advance notice that we are responsible for providing food and beverages at the reception.

Meeting ended 8:30