

Minutes of Mens Chorus Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, July 29th at Antlers at Noon

Attendees: Mike Burke, Jerry Woerner, Aaron Tabor, Rick Hult, Jim Carey, John Yantis

Absent: Todd Williams (taking a break), Roger Peterson (out of town), Bill Kerwin (unknown)

- Financial Report
 - Jerry distributed a 2019 report and a 2018 report for comparison
 - Not discussed but we appear to be in good shape financially
- Practice Location
 - Prefer Alpine Haus to Highland Haus
 - Especially if we can get wheels for piano
 - We are locked into Highland for the fall
 - But next year Mike will try for the Alpine Haus first then Highland
 - Also we will use the Sunset Shores clubhouse as a backup
 - If we use Sunset Clubhouse Richard will have to bring the piano
- Mike will look into getting wheels for the Alpine Haus piano
 - See if there are any laying around
 - If not look into purchasing some
- CLPOC has a new policy for facility reservation
 - They are asking for reservations a year in advance
 - This means 2020 reservations are due now
 - 2021 reservations are supposed to be in by the end of Dec 2019
 - Crazy but true!
- So we picked some **dates for 2020** to get our reservations in
 - Spring practices will start Monday April 13th, 2020
 - Mike talked to Richard and he likes Thursdays for extra practices
 - Mike will try to reserve a facilities for Mondays and Thursdays
 - We don't have to have a practice every Thursday
 - But we will have a facility if we need one
 - Memorial Day is Monday May 25th in 2020
 - Assuming we will do the usual castle concert
 - We will mostly use our Patriotic Repertoire
 - But we have to learn new combined songs with Melody Makers
 - Aaron suggested doing the God Bless the USA
 - We have not done this in a couple of years
 - Summer concert target is 18th of July in 2020

- Mike will check for conflict with Pavilion concert
 - Move to Friday if there is
- Restart practices for Veterans Day and XMAS
 - Monday after Labor Day
 - Reserve facilities for Mondays and Thursdays
- Veterans Day is Wed Nov 11 in 2020 – no news yet
- Christmas Concert 2020 is tbd
 - Mike to check with Voca Lyrica, Great Lakes Chorus and Ferris
 - Try to avoid their concerts
- Need to get out the news on the reschedule of the 2019 Summer Concert
 - Mike will attempt to make a poster
 - Jerry will get it into CLPOC News
 - Mike will have Debbie put it out on CL social media
 - Needs to be done soon
- Can we get a link to our web page out there – CLPOC,CLA web pages?
 - Mike to investigate and report
- We should set up a phone chain to handle emergencies like we had
 - Discuss at next practice – get volunteers
- Need a form for ‘how to’ schedule an event
 - Make sure everything is getting done – risers, sound, advertising, etc.
 - Mike to make one and run it by the team
 - Aaron suggests putting it out on Google Docs
 - Certainly it will be available on our website
- Jim Carey to check on 2019 Veterans Day events
 - Senior Center
 - Art Works?
 - AmVets?
- Jerry volunteered to help with communications/advertising
- Discussed doing extra concerts
 - Example – Howard City, Young Farms – no conclusions
- Discussed Art Works Evening of Harmony
 - Jim Carey thinks we need to change it up
 - Suggestion get George and Dave Marasus group – Dixie Ramblers
 - Jim Carey to discuss with Jamey Carey
- Discussed compensation for Richard (pianist)
 - We all agreed he has gone above and beyond in helping out
 - Additional compensation approved
- Agreed to have another Steering Team meeting before Labor Day

- Mike will pick a date and send out email to see who is available
- Probably again at Antlers unless someone wants to suggest somewhere else
- Perhaps we should go to Big Rapids next time

That is all I had in my notes. Please add anything I may have forgotten.