

Chorus North Shore Board of Trustees Meeting
Ascension Church, Ipswich, MA
Thursday, February 18, 2010

President Dorrie Kimkaran called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Present: Janet Boynton, Jennifer Clark, Mel Conway, Patsy Colhoun, Kit Gregg, Catherine Harrison, Ann-Marie Keltner, Dorrie Kimkaran, Sally Saplin, Mary Sepich, Vivienne Woodhead, Sunny Pryor

Absent: Suzanne Bicknell, Josephine Brouillette, Brent Keltner, Sheryl Knutsen, James Seeley, Marty Smith, Roger Waindle, Priscilla Walter, Paul Weaver

Minutes: The meeting minutes for January 13, 2010 were reviewed, corrected and accepted by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Vivienne provided the budget which was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The interest income should be deposited into one of the following accounts after it is determined which is best: scholarship fund, general fund, certificate of deposit. The Two Thousand Dollar (\$2,000.00) scholarship fund comes out of the general fund. Sunny Pryor's endowment fund will be located. The soloists and orchestra for Dona Nobis Pacem concert will cost Fifteen Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$15,300.00).

Board Updates: President Dorrie Kimkaran welcomed the new Board members Mel Conway and Catherine Harrison. The Board members introduced themselves to the new members. The Annual Membership Meeting held on February 15, 2010 was reviewed.

Artistic Director Report: Sunny Pryor reported the Chorus is making good progress in rehearsals. Sunny suggested we develop a "praise list" for the May concert, which could bring in funds in the form of selling advertising in the program to members and non-members saying "I/we praise _____ for _____", cost to be determined. Sunny was asked to help the Board decide how to handle "early arrivals" at concerts, whom aren't asked for tickets and some are therefore not paying for tickets. Judy Gregg is making a venue map of each concert location which will be used to determine which doors concert goers enter, where to place ticket collectors, where HYC parents should sit, and who should be allowed free entrance. We may require guests to wait in the vestibule until our warm up has been completed and we have left the stage. Paul Weaver has a job description for our accompanist so we can now determine a solution to Robert Littlefield's absences which equal one-third of the rehearsals. Shall we propose he be the winter accompanist and use a different spring accompanist? How many missed rehearsals can be tolerated? The decision will be presented to Robert

Littlefield as a partnership agreement after the next Board meeting, when the number of acceptable absences has been identified.

Committee Reports:

Membership: One Hundred Eight (108) members have registered. Vivienne and Suzanne will make sure everybody singing is current with dues. All paid members will be on the weekly attendance sheet.

Scholarship: Stephen Schapiro has not yet requested his scholarship funds but will send his first semester transcripts when received to the Board. His mother reports he is enjoying school and doing well.

Website: The Shaw's promotion information has been put on the website. The membership must be informed that after signing in on-line, one must call the customer service number and give your phone number to become a member. The concert photograph is on the website and it will be determined soon as to whether copies of the photograph may be sold.

Grants: We have been granted One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from Beverly LLC for the HYC spring concert. A grant request has been sent to Bruce Anderson for Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00). To receive funding we must spend the money and then show the bills and proof of the concert. New member, D. Gardner suggested requesting grants from rotary type clubs. The Institution for Savings has purchased the back cover space on the programs in the past, and we would like to sell the space to a new advertiser for a larger sum.

Publicity: The CNS concert banner will be held at the Ascension Church and will be updated for each concert by Cape Ann Signs after receiving written permission from the Ipswich selectmen to hang it.

Nominating Committee: Congratulations were expressed for a job well done.

Music Committee: Barbara Kilduff is our May concert soloist and has received her contract. The orchestral needs have been met. The thirty-nine (39) players require Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$13,800.00). Vivienne will write checks for Fred McArthur in payment of his fees for accompanying CNS at rehearsals in Robert's absence. There are currently thirty-three (33) children in the HYC, who will perform at the UU on May 1, 2010. Sunny will play her favorite recording of the Dona Nobis Pacem at the next rehearsal and will mention the number of orchestral parts, to stimulate interest in learning the music.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dorrie Kimkaran at 8:43 p.m.