

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2023

PRESENT: Rose, Jan. Lorraine, Anita, Vicky, Myreta, Colleen, Joy Beth, Joanne

Minutes of last Management Team meeting were approved by consensus.

The sound system at Siena is not optimal for live performances. We should purchase a cardioid mic for live sound. Cost would range from \$59-99. We also could use a mic setup for coaching and rehearsals. Lorraine is researching the mics.

Director's Report: Coaching with Gary Bolles went very well. Our members were very receptive and attentive. Gary has sent videos on "conducting" versus "directing" a chorus to Jan and Rose. The chorus should work on the skills Gary introduced—"elevate" rib cage to achieve proper alignment of the body, use "abdominal" breathing to prevent glottal entries. Section leaders will continue practicing the breathing techniques. Rose would like to bring back the short "educational" segments before rehearsals that Delia initiated. Members would volunteer to present one of the topics available.

Joy Beth mentioned that a coach should ask permission of a member to touch them if it is meant to demonstrate a physical aspect of singing.

Financial: Myreta wants to change the \$50 amount originally stated in our bylaws for which she would need the Management Team approval to \$100. This was okayed by consensus. The meaning of "good standing" is that a member is no more than 60 days in arrears for dues. A letter to the member would be sent out at the 60-day level. Quin is now more than 60 days in arrears. If a member will miss 3 consecutive rehearsals, they need to apply for a Leave of Absence and dues must be kept current. Myreta will prepare a template letter and share it with Lorraine.

Joy Beth needs more red tops, sizes L and XL. There are 4 tops left size 2X and 1 Medium of the original 40 purchased. Jan will call Patty to see if there are more available.

Publicity: Joanne is working on a flyer for selling Christmas Grams, and will send it to Vicky who will add more graphics to it. Then they can be sent out to members.

Membership: Anita says that new guests are anxious to join, especially Missy and Ronda. They will audition November 20, Robbe is waiting until January. It was determined that the Management Team could vote in a new member and forego the 10-day notice to the chorus stated in SAI by-laws. This was approved by consensus. New members have to pay before being voted in.

Jan and Rose will have their quartet sing a test song from a land line to a cell phone, and the reverse to check sound for the people receiving the Christmas Gram. If we want to try long

distance calls, Lorraine, Vicky and Anita have relatives in other parts of the U.S. we could call. The songs for Christmas Grams are: We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Carol Medley and Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah.

Joanne will liaison with Chrissy for caroling at Summerlin Hospital on December 12. Colleen has still not heard from Ethel M.

For our Friends and Family Show to be held on March 11, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall of Community Lutheran Church, it would be \$50/hr. for the space. If we have a sound person for mics it would be an additional \$100. We could roll the risers across the street on flattened cardboard boxes to protect the wheels. COSTCO may have large boxes we could use.

Old Business: Each member who has been assigned a portion of the standing rules to review needs to email Rose whether there are changes or not. SAI bylaws-look at the International Policy Book for questions regarding our bylaws.

Bunco will be on November 30, but no future dates have been set. Could we change the location once in a while to the west side of town to get more participants? Maybe Siena or Sun City, Summerlin could be utilized. Lorraine will find out if we can hold Bunco in the guise of a Military Club Meeting on a Tuesday night. We could not book it as a LLSC fundraiser.

Holiday Show: We can do a 50-50 raffle and maybe have Amanda's husband, Mark, sell tickets. Joy Beth has some colorful raffle tickets to use. Marilyn, Colleen, Robbe, Joanne and Joy Beth will decorate tables at 3:30 PM. We will warm up from 4:00-5:30 when the doors will open. LLSC gets ½ of the ticket sales and the money from the 50-50 raffle.

There will be a curtain closing during the show to allow riser people to sit if they need to. The curtain takes 32.5 seconds for a full open/close. Jon Sloan will operate the curtains.

Vicky will contact Stephanie who is making the signs that tell us what the song order is. They need to be legible from the top risers, so using a thick marker may help.

Myreta will prepare baggies of fur trim to give out to members so they can either baste stitch or pin the fur on their red shirts.

Steve Lederer asked if we would like to sing the Israeli national anthem, "Hatikvah" on January 16, 2024 at Siena when the Military Club is hosting a guest speaker from the Israeli Defense Force (IDF), We could get public exposure since there will be newspapers there reporting on this event. Perhaps Group Therapy can get the music for it soon. I believe we could hold index cards with the words to Hatikvah spelled out phonetically.

The next meeting will be January 18, 2024 at 9 am.

