

Lady Luck Showtime Chorus Management Team Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2024

In Attendance: Rose Hettinga, Jan Sloan, Carole McSimov, Joy Beth Clarno, Myreta Davis, Marla Mumford, Lorraine Lederer, Anita Treichel, Joanne Ianacone

Absent: Colleen McCormick-received resignation

I. Discussion led by Lorraine - Team Coordinator

a. Consensus of June 20th minutes was provided

b. Leave of Absence/Resignations:

* Colleen McCormick has resigned from the chorus and Management Team. As of 7/1/24, she has 7 months left of her term on the Management Team.

* Team agreed that Colleen's position should be filled by appointment and will ask Paula -1st choice, Theresa - 2nd choice, Marilyn - 3rd choice to fill the position.

* Our Standing Rules, E2 states that someone must be selected by team within 30 days of member's resignation.

* Jan will be absent for about a month to recover from surgery and will notify us of her new surgery date.

c. Sound System:

* Myreta thanked Carole for her generous donation of \$900 to the chorus to pay for a new sound system

* To determine the best sound system for our chorus, Lorraine feels that more investigation is needed.

*Lorraine received the contact information of the referral given by Brent Graham

*Joy Beth will provide a list of equipment recommended by the VHS website that best suits the needs of our chorus/quartets, etc.

*Marilyn will contact Eric who handles the sound systems used at our regional events and Community Lutheran Church to see what he type of equipment he recommends.

*Marilyn will schedule a meeting with Eric for Monday August 5th, 2024, at CLC (Community Lutheran Church).

d. Directors' Contract:

* Renewal date is coming soon. Lorraine will send an email notification of the voting date by August 29, 2024.

* Standing Rules Section 5A, requires a 2/3 vote from the chorus for director's contracts to be renewed.

* The chorus will vote on September 9, 2024. If you are unable to attend, voting by email will be accepted.

* The chorus will need to vote on the updated Standing Rules. The voting date will be discussed at the next management meeting.

* Lorraine will ask Amanda, Crissy, Diane to be on the Tellers Committee.

* Lorraine plans to submit to SAI our management team names and if they were elected or appointed/assigned.

e. Committee Sign-Ups:

Of the 3 members that were left to join a committee, Dana, Lorraine, and Paula, Paula has now joined the Show & Events Committee.

II. Directors' Report: Jan & Rose

- * Jan reported that rehearsals went smoothly while Rose was away and that she taught a lot of music successfully.
- * Zoom was provided, and rehearsals ended at a reasonable time.

III. Music Team Report: Jan & Rose

- * The 7/1/24 Show Committee and Music Team Meeting Minutes were discussed
- * Jan stated that the proposed Christmas script was too ambitious and to hold off using it until next year so there's more time for practice and preparation.
- * Jan thanked Joy Beth and Carole for their efforts in creating the initial Christmas script.
- * Jan and Rose plan to provide a list of songs and their order to the Show Committee so a new script can be created.
- * As a courtesy, quartets will not sing songs of other quartets. To communicate this, Carole created a "Quartet Songs" heading on Groupanizer and added the 5 specified Christmas songs from the registered quartets.
- * Carole suggested specific guidelines regarding the posted quartet songs need to be established.
- * Carole will insert songs for our various groups on our website and include the ones the chorus owns and are approved SAI - ("*This is Me*", etc.)
- * Rose stated that any performing group must be an SAI registered quartet and be approved before singing in public.

IV. Financial Report: Myreta and Marla

a. Bank Business

- * Myreta Davis, Financial Coordinator and Marla Mumford, Assistant Financial Coordinator, and Rose Hettinga, Chorus Director with LLSC had a successful meeting with Eric Hernandez at Bank of America on 6/24/24 to clear up name on chorus CD and have Tomi's name removed from the account
- * Myreta thanked Marla and Rose for going to the bank together.
- * Myreta thanks Marla for taking over and depositing checks while she is out of town.

b. Step-risers

- * Myreta reported that step-risers can hold up to 550 pounds or two people, is 15 inches wide, come in heights of 4, 6, or 8 inches, are stackable and snappable, look like exercise risers, weigh about 18 pounds, and can be easily transported in multiple vehicles.
- * The cost is \$60 for one. We need about 12, holding 22 members while 8 members stand on the floor. $\$60 \times 12 = \720 (estimated cost)

c. Fundraising

- * Funds can be raised for purchasing the step-risers
- * Anita was thanked for her continued work with collecting donations for Savers
- * Myreta said our treasury is moving forward in earnings and that chorus members have purchased items from our Pampered Chef fundraiser.
- * Anita posted our fundraisers on Social Media websites.

d. New Members Expenses

- * Myreta went to a regional finance meeting where there was a discussion about the challenges for new members to cover annual costs. Financial relief plans (waiving dues for the first 3 months) were provided in some regional choruses which helped retain membership.

V. Membership - Anita

- * Anita reported that a plan is needed to keep new and current members interested in coming to rehearsals
- * Some of our new guests had strong vocal skills and enjoyed our rehearsals, but dropped out due learning of the annual expense of \$725 a year for dues and of the additional costs for shoes, costume, makeup, etc.
- * Anita reported that our Buddy System should be in place and should follow this order.
 1. Guest voice placement
 2. Introduce guest to their Section Leader (SL)
 3. The SL will determine who guest's buddy will be
 4. The SL introduces the guest to their buddy
 5. The Chorus buddy will be responsible to calling the next day after rehearsals, teaching them about our organization, and rooming with them during regional events and competitions.
 6. Section Leaders should also be reaching out to new members and if they plan to be absent have someone fill in for them. (Meg has been out for 3 weeks.)
 7. Guest contact information can be found on Groupanizer and is coded as candidate (guest), member, or public. If they are coded as public they can be contacted through public@ladyluckshowtimechorus.org.

- * Anita reported that our Buddy System should be in place and should follow this order.
- * Jan suggested we participate in our Region's Mission Retention Plan that runs from August 1, 2024, to July 25, 2025. A challenge is given each month-
 - *August- "Let's Get Down to the Basics"
 - *Sept. - "Tell Me What You Want!"
 - *Oct. – International Webcast Watch Party
 - *Nov. "That's What I Like About You!" compliment members
 - *Etc. More information is on our Region's website. There will be 12 grand prize winners; prize money is a \$1000 per winner

VI. PR/Marketing – Joanne

a. Business Cards

- * Anita is going to place a sticker that includes our QR code (link to chorus website) on the back of our current business cards.
- * Once our card supply gets low, we will order the new cards designed by Rhonda and Joanne since everyone liked the design.
- * Cards can be ordered through Minute Man. Because they are local, there's no shipping charge.
- * Anita will monitor the emails responses and contact potential guests.

b. Places to Advertise/Perform

- * Joanne reported that Teresa checked into the Las Vegas Craft Shows
 - * Tivoli Village Craft show is scheduled once a month on Sat. & Sun.
 - * On Sat. evening, we could sing during their band's 15-minute intermission
 - * On Sunday, we could sing at the end of their street since no space is available.
- * Las Vegas Craft Shows has an indoor Holiday Show Nov. 1-3; 1st day for seniors and veterans; 2nd day for kids; 3rd day for the general public
- * Las Vegas 24th Annual Women's Health and Beauty Expo- Aug. 31

- * We would be required to purchase a booth or table to be able to present anything
- * Women's Day Expo is held on Oct. 27th. To have our own table, it's a \$230 fee for nonprofit.
- * Las Vegas Craft Shows has an indoor Holiday Show Nov. 1-3; 1st day for seniors and veterans; 2nd day for kids; 3rd day for the general public
- * Joanne and Rhonda will design a brochure, a trifold pamphlet to share. To save on cost, (Kinko's charges \$0.75 a sheet) it can be printed with their personal computers.
- * Brochures could be made and passed out and we could sing at craft tables once permission is given.
- * Teresa checked into Karaoke bars but feel the environment was inappropriate.
- * Myreta wants to know if we can check with Trader Joe's about singing outside of the front doors and to check with malls to sing during the holidays.

VII. Events: Joy Beth

a. Show Venues

- * **Winchester Theater** - we will need to book for 2025 and beyond as soon as possible to be able to get in.
- * **Freedom Hall Theater** -Carole spoke to Sherrill with Sun City Anthem. She explained that they are booked for 2024 and will book their regulars for 2025 before opening it up to new clients. She said she would call if there were any openings.
- * We requested a tour of the facilities, but they required a booking first.
- * Carole emailed our Patriotic Show video with clips, and we are waiting for their response.
- * **Star Bright Theater**- Joanne was going to contact them.
- * **Public Libraries** for free shows- Joy Beth did not book anything since it was unclear if we were planning a free show due to the cost of transporting the risers. She didn't want to lose our contact by not being ready with a clear plan.
- * The Management Team agreed to put on a free show and proceed with a tentative booking so we can gain publicity and more easily access the libraries.
- * Donations can be accepted by passing the hat or posting a donation box at the ends of the aisles.
- * **Siena Christmas Show**- Joy Beth stated that our script will be simplified and based on the theme "Where are you Christmas?" where the search for Christmas can be found in different settings, and lastly in their home with family.
- * Jan, Rose, and the Music team provide the song order before the script written.
- * **Fellowship Hall** - Marilyn suggested an Ice Cream Social at Community Lutheran Church (CLC)
 - *Fellowship Hall cost \$50 an hour to use
 - *Tickets might cost \$15
 - *People can come and go
 - *We would sponsor "Family Promise" and advertise on Fox 5, CLC, "The Reach", and websites, etc.
 - *Fox 5 will require a video before we can advertise our shows.
 - *Rotate chorus, quartet, raffles, break for ice cream, and sing around the tables
 - *Show could be in the Memorial Day window May 26th or 31st (Team preferred the 31st)
 - *Marilyn spoke with Linda Joy who handles food at church events.
 - *Ice cream can be purchased in bulk (5 gal.) at Anderson Dairy or Smart & Final; we would like to get the ice cream donated

*Risers can be transported across the street by dragging them over on cardboard boxes or using a dolly or we could use the halls tiered-floored stage instead.

*Marilyn wants to get a contract signed with Dennis to secure the May 31st date.

VIII. Facilities- Rose

- * Materials need to be put in the storage closet before the risers so there's room for them.
- * An announcement will be made at the end of rehearsal reminding members to gather any materials left on the risers or in the room, so they are not improperly stored in the storage room.

IX. Old Business

- * Holiday script writing plans will proceed once the song order is provided by directors.
- * By-laws and Standing Rules voting date will be determined at a later date.

X. New Business

- * Our region still needs a chorus to host the Summer Sizzler since no choruses volunteered
- * Marilyn thinks Victorville would be a good location since it's centralized
- * It was suggested that the date of Summer Sizzler be moved to the last week of July and not conflict with IES/Directors' Seminar dates.

XI. Next Meeting: August 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

XII. Future Dates:

- *August 1st- Start of Mission Retention – “*Let's Get Down to Basics*” Aug. theme
- *Mon. August 5th- Meeting with Eric to inquire about the best sound system
- *DEI (SAI approved songs) meeting at Rose's at 9:00 a.m. (TBD)
- *Mon. August 12th is the last day to bring donations for Savers
- *Wed. August 14th, Anita needs volunteers with trucks and larger cars to help bring donations to Saver for weighing.
- *Mon. Sept. 9th- Vote on Director's Contract Renewal
- *Sat. Dec. 7th, Group Therapy- Toys for Tots at Siena
- *Sun. Dec. 8th, Christmas Party 3:00 p.m. at Missy's house
- *Tues. Dec. 17th, Christmas Show @ Siena
- *Thurs. Dec. 19th Group Therapy performs at Mingle Jingle at Siena
- *Mon. Dec. 23rd & 30th- no rehearsals (dark)
- *January 24 & 25, Laura Pallas Singer Retreat
- *May 20, 2025 - Patriotic Show @ Siena
- *May 31, 2025 – Ice Cream Social- Tentative date- still need a signed contract

Respectfully submitted by Carole McSimov, Corresponding Secretary on 7/21/24 at 10:00 a.m.