

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 2, 2010 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING

Present: Wendy Hillhouse, Tina Baird, Aleicia Byrnes, Meghan Dibble, Grace Johnson, April McNeely, Victoria Rapanan

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM.

- I. President's Report: Wendy
 - A. Oren Brown DVD

The DVDs of the Oren Brown Master Class will be ready in about 10 days. Sales can begin soon. There was some discussion about having a booth at the Convention in Salt Lake City, but this is probably not still possible. Discussed also was the timing of placing ads in *Classical Singer* and *The Journal of Singing*.

- B. Upcoming elections

Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be in before June 11. April moved that ballots, including a return stamped, addressed envelope be mailed to members immediately. Meghan seconded and the motion passed.

The May newsletter will be delayed. (This proves to be fortunate for Chapter business at this time.)

Aleicia has been helping Dorothy with the Singing Festival papers. They worked for several hours. Aleicia suggests that when there is work of this kind to be done, a work party should be arranged, so that what is a chore becomes an opportunity for a pleasant occasion.

- C. Annual Meeting June 13

Ben Bernstein will present the "Singer's Gym" immediately after the Annual Meeting. We pay the accompanist. This will provide an additional incentive to attend the Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the San Francisco Conservatory at 3:00 PM on June 13.

- D. Dorothy's SFBAC History

Dorothy Barnhouse has written a history of the Chapter which was read to us. This history will appear in the newsletter and be posted on our website.

- E. Helen Dilworth: retirement

Meghan suggested that since Dr. Helen Dilworth is retiring, we should publish an interview with her. Wendy volunteered to be the interviewer.

- II. Membership report: Grace

Grace says that we have one new member. There have been complaints that we have a Chapter membership fee in addition to the National fee. We shall remind people of the benefits of Chapter

membership, which includes workshops, opportunities for students through the Singing Festival, the opportunity to have a self-advertisement on the Chapter website, scholarships, programs, grants and, not least, the opportunity to have contact with colleagues.

Corresponding Secretary report: Alison (read by Wendy)

Congratulations and thanks to the organizers and workers of the Singing Festival. Otherwise, very little to report.

Singing Festival report: April

We survived another one. We must look for another venue; San Francisco State is too expensive. Fifty-three teachers sent students to this year's Festival. Our income for this year's: \$6500 (last year was \$9000).

Recitals report: Victoria

We had a record number of recitals this year: Eight. We only had to pay for two venues and two other venues paid us.

Webmaster's report: Meghan

Meghan is putting up a page for the Oren Brown DVD. There will be a page about the upcoming elections. Meghan will resend the opportunity for teacher listings.

Newsletter report: Anja

[Anja was absent due to a death in the family.]

Treasurer's report: Dorothy

The Chapter finances are healthy. There was a question about the use of special fund money being used to defray expenses of the general fund. Tina moved and Grace seconded that expenses of the Festival not covered by income from student fees will be covered by the general fund. This motion passed.

Recording Secretary's report: Tina

Tina thanked other Board members for corrections to the previous Board meeting minutes.

Program report: Aleicia

There will be an Open Studios workshop on May 16 from 3 to 6 PM. One of the planned presenters, Cesar Ulloa, may not be able to come. April moved and Tina seconded that gift certificates of \$100 be given to the presenters. This passed. Co-producer for this workshop will be Maxine Bernstein. Open Studio will be free to members who RSVP their intended presence.

There will be a Summer Performance Workshop in San Francisco August 2-August 6. This will include "Yoga for Singers" and "Focus on Your Nerves" among other workshops.

New Business

The date for the next Board meeting will be sent subsequent to the elections and the schedules of the members of the new Board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Baird, Recording Secretary