

Minutes of SFBAC-NATS for August 2, 2009

Present: Dorothy Barnhouse, Tina Baird, Alison Collins, Wendy Hillhouse, Grace Johnson; visitor: Sharon Kaye

Meeting called to order at 3:10 PM.

Wendy reported that 2 new board members have been officially approved: Anja Strauss, replacing Joshua Elder as Newsletter Editor, and Aleicia Byrnes, replacing Sue Field as Vice President of Programs.

Wendy reported that she doesn't expect a big turnout for the chapter party, which will begin at 4:30.

The budget for the upcoming Performance Workshop was submitted by Wendy. This Workshop will be held at the Mission City Center for the Performing Arts August 3 thru August 7, with members of the chapter acting as teachers. We have 9 singers signed up, with one provisional. (Workshop was predicated on an attendance of 10.) We have two excellent coach/pianists for the event. Panelists will receive gas money. We expect to break even. Next time we should pay our panelists for their time, and ideally should offer a workshop in two different locations and time frames. Budget unanimously approved those present. Additional votes will be taken by email.

Our Fall Symposium will be Inside Admissions, a repeat of a program we did in 2007 which was a great success. It will present information to graduating high school seniors, transfer students, parents and teachers concerning what to prepare for and what to expect when applying for admission to a collegiate vocal program. This program will be held at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 50 Oak St., SF on Sunday, September 27, 2008 from 1 – 5 PM. Panelists will include Pam Fry, Debra Lambert and Brian Staufenbiel, representing public and private schools, and conservatories, and musical theater as well as classical music. This program will be open to everybody, with a charge of \$10 for admission. Light refreshments will be available.

The IRS is 6 months behind; result for us: our tax number as a 501(c)(3) (non-profit organization) is delayed arriving.

Progress on preparing our Oren Brown DVD: Lucy Beck's son has successfully lifted an excellent portrait from the recorded content; Lucy is doing a bio; Wendy has a graphic artist friend to prepare appearance of finished product; Lucy will see the project through. We will plan to market it at the Conference in Salt Lake City next July. We should also get ads into the Conference brochure and our national Journal.

Future Board meetings are currently planned for October 4, 2009, January 24, 2010, March 14, 2010, and May 2, 2010. All these meetings to occur from 3-4:30 PM.

The Singing Festival date is April 24, 2010. This will take place at San Francisco State University.

Our fiscal year closes May 31. Annual general meeting will be held Sunday, June 13, 2010, place and time TBA. The nominating committee needs to begin to prepare the election slate before the Singing Festival.

Membership report: We have 2 new members, bringing our total to 148 members. Two are still unpaid.

Corresponding secretary report: Emails come in; emails go out.

Singing Festival report: April absent from this meeting

Student Recitals report: Victoria absent from this meeting

Webmaster's report: Given by Wendy in Meghan's absence. Website building is in temporary suspension as Meghan needs to deal with personal affairs.

Newsletter report: Read by Wendy in Anja's absence. The shift from Joshua to Anja is going smoothly. The next newsletter will be the September one. The newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month; deadline for the September newsletter is August 20.

Treasurer report: SFBAC is in excellent financial health. Wendy received a check deposit card.

Recording secretary report: Nothing to report

Program report: Aleicia absent from this meeting

New business:

Dorothy made a motion that board members should receive \$5/month to cover their out-of-pocket expenses because they are Board members; the president should receive \$100/annually. Tina seconded. Only this fiscal year (6/1/09-5/31/10) is covered in this motion. Ratification by email needed from absent Board members.

Dorothy will look into the costs of creating a scholarship for members who have never attended an annual convention to be able to do so.

Discussion considered creating a new Board position of Publicity Chair. A person in such a position would ensure that SFBAC events would be properly publicized. Tina, in collaboration with Sharon, will write a blurb about such a position to be published in the September newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM, to be followed by a chapter party hosted by Wendy and her husband.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Baird – Recording Secretary