

MINUTES OF THE SFBAC BOARD MEETING

September 28, 2008

Revised and approved by the Board 10/2/08

Present: Victoria Rapanan, April McNeely, Sue Field, Alison Collins, Dorothy Barnhouse, Grace Johnson, Tina Baird, Wendy Hillhouse

Visitor: Sharon Kaye

Absent: Meghan Dibble, Joshua Elder

Both absentees sent reports to be read at the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM.

President's report: Wendy

A. Change date of annual meeting.

The date of the 2009 annual meeting has been changed from June 21 to the weekend of June 13-14. The exact date is TBA.

B. Membership lists

Currently there are about 70 teachers who are members of national NATS who are not members of our local chapter. We should work to get these teachers into our membership. Sharon explained that some teachers' organizations combine national and regional dues together. Some discussion was held about this as being feasible and desirable for our chapter.

Membership report: Grace

We have two new members

Edie Delagans

Uma Errikson

In process are Richard Fey and Deborah McQueen.

Corresponding Secretary report: Alison

Announcements (auditions, performances, job opportunities, class meetings, and other announcements can be sent to Alison to be forwarded to SFBAC members. Alison will forward them from the email address SFBACNATS1@gmail.com.

Singing Festival report: April

Venue for the 2009 Singing Festival is still being decided. The date for the event is dependent on the venue. We should book the SF Conservatory now for the 2010 Festival. We have a priority status for bookings with the Conservatory and in this time of economic crunch, it behooves us to use this advantage.

Recital report: Victoria

New member Justin Montigne has secured a recital venue for Saturday, November 8 at 5 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San

Francisco.

We also have a Late Bloomers recital on Sunday, Nov. 2 and a Rossmoor recital in Walnut Creek on Nov. 9 at 3 PM.

There is a recital on February 15 at Peace Lutheran in Danville.

Webmaster's report: Meghan (Meghan's report was read by Wendy.)

Meghan is working on upgrading our website and finding a new host. She is getting estimates and will email the Board for approval.

Newsletter report: Joshua (Joshua's report was read by Wendy.)

Joshua apologized that the September newsletter was 4 days late. He expects to get the October newsletter out on time, though he may wait for these minutes.

Treasurer's report: Dorothy

We are in financial good health.

Recording Secretary's report: Tina

Tina is still having quarrels with her computer. Alison will help.

Program report: Sue

A. Fall workshop

Logistics for the Babette Lightner presentation are under control. We will be able to accept at-the-door registrations. Conservatory students will be admitted free of charge, as the Conservatory is giving us the use of the Osher Salon.

Anatomy of Wholeness: Foundations of Freedom for Singers will be held from 1:30 to 5:30 PM on Sunday, October 12. For more information visit www.babettelightner.com or call Sue Field at 650/796-1829 or email mezzo54@comcast.net. National is giving us matching funds for this event.

B. Spring workshop

Still in planning stages

C. Summer workshop

This is a comprehensive proposal by Wendy. April moved and Grace seconded that we should have summer performance workshop(s). Sharon Kaye volunteered to organize it, as Santa Clara is a probable venue the first week in August. This will be inexpensive for students and will use SFBAC teachers as panelists.

Wendy suggested that the Conservatory might also be a venue for a second workshop.

Other business:

Grace said that before her presentation of her research at the SFBAC workshop, USA doors had been shut to her. Since her presentation to us, she has been asked, and has given, a number of presentations. The most recent has been in Philadelphia. People present in Philadelphia have invited her to present in San Francisco. She thanked SFBAC for our support.

Sue Field said that as a result of the presentation she and her husband Mike made on the use of technology, she had made a technology presentation to MTNA, and has now become the recording secretary for that organization for the state of California.

Tina said that as the Board has said it does not think SFBACNATS should support advocating styles of pedagogy, she wanted to make it clear that the DVD "Air Is A Gift" which Lyric Images is currently working on is primarily concerned with anatomy and physiology, not with pedagogy.

Wendy suggested that we have luncheon get-togethers. We need to have a blurb in the newsletter: "Meet your colleagues! Everybody is invited to . . ."

Next Board meeting will be at Sue's studio on Sunday, November 23 at 2:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Baird, Recording Secretary