

Minutes

SFBAC-NATS Board Meeting

Sunday, September 8th, 2013, 2:00 p.m, Sue Field's studio

Present: Sue Field, Victoria Rapanan, Jennifer Cowgill Sandusky, Frank Ryken Lee Strawn,
Katie Tupper

Absent: Allison Collins, April McNeely, Justin Montigne

Victoria called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

I. President's report: Victoria

A. We are beginning collaborations with neighboring chapters to possibly organize programs.

B. Regional Auditions will be March 29th, 2014 in Las Vegas. Chapter auditions must be completed by last week of February to first week of March in order to be ready for Regionals. The Regional directors were quite firm in requiring that teachers with participating singers must go to the Las Vegas audition and also pay their own way.

C. NATSAA auditions will be combined district and regional. The auditions will be Sunday, March 16th, 2014 at Stanford.

D. The 2014 Singing Festival will be February 23rd. We are still working on a date for the 2014 singing festival. San Jose State has raised their fees, so we are looking at developing a donation for the festival. Lee made a motion to raise the fees to by \$5 per category. Sue seconded, and the board approved the fee raise. It was later voted that teacher registration fees will also be raised by \$10.

E. We will request donations for the festival through snail mail as well as email. Frank and Katie will be mailing the hard copy to the chapter.

F. We will now have a general fund just for the festival.

G. Sue moved that we establish a Presidential travel fund of \$500 per year to allow the president to attend the bi-annual NATS national conference. Jennifer seconded. The board approved the motion.

VII. Treasurer's report: Lee

A. The treasury is sound. We have a surplus in our general account. Below is the treasury breakdown:

17 June - 5 Sept 2013

MEMBERSHIP DUES

| | |
|---------|----------|
| Income | Expenses |
| \$35.00 | |

FESTIVAL

Income
Expenses
\$35.00

RECITALS

Income
95.00
Expenses

WORKSHOPS

Income
264.61
Expenses

Other Income

Oren Brown DVD
21.06

Bank
Interest \$.65

Other Expenses

Bank Fees 15.00

Scholarship funds

| FUND | Balance |
|-------------|----------------|
| Barlow | 5,459.00 |
| Cohen | 2,040.00 |
| Harvey | 3,684.00 |
| Swift | 1,420.00 |

OVERALL BALANCES:

Checking \$7,523
Savings \$3,952

- V. Corresponding Secretary report: Alison
 - A. We have a new Corresponding Secretary, Alexandra Mena.

- IX. Program report: Sue
 - A. Ann Baltz is available October 13th for a workshop with NATS members.
 - B. Cinda Thomas would like to do an Alexander Workshop in the South Bay. This will be sometime in November.

C. Information on The Speaking Voice for Singers Workshop, 9/22: Sarah Schneider, SLP, and Dr. Mark Courey will be presenting on speech habits, voice exercises from speech therapy sessions, common voice complaints such as allergies and vocal fatigue, and we will learn Laryngeal massage. The second hour will be a masterclass on speaking, and the teachers and students will learn some exercises for the speaking voice. This is a very exciting workshop for which we have many members and students planning to attend. Interested attendees must enroll online. The workshop will be at the SF Girls' Chorus rehearsal space.

D. Sue made a motion that SFBAC NATS pay Sarah Schneider and Dr. Mark Cuorey \$300 each for their presentation on September 22nd for the Speaking Voice Workshop. Lee seconded, and the board approved the motion.

E. Sue made a second motion that if we receive an addition \$400 in costs, we will pay Sarah Schneider and Dr. Courey an extra \$200 each to a maximum of \$500 each. Jennifer seconded and the board approved.

II. Membership report: Frank

- A. Members can now renew for the local chapter online.
- B. We have about 150 members.
- C. Membership renewals will be in January.

IV. Newsletter report: Alison

- A. The next newsletter will be out soon.

V. Recitals: Katie

- A. This past year we had seven recitals. We are looking for more recitals for this year.
- B. There will be a Rossmoor recital Sunday November 17th, 3:00 pm. Contac Victoria Rapanan.

VI. Webmaster's report: Justin

- A. New events are being added to the website. Members, please continue to check online status and details.
- B. For the first time, we used Google Forms (a free Google Drive product) to implement online sign-ups for a program, the Speaking Voice for Singers Workshop. Visit the sign-up form at <http://sfbacnats.org/speaking-voice-for-singers-workshop/>.

C. Based on the success of this workshop registration, we now have a similar form to replace our paper/PDF membership application. Current members renew their memberships yearly alongside their national membership. New members can sign up and pay on our new membership page: <http://sfbacnats.org/membership/>

D. Members are encouraged to continue liking the SFBAC NATS Facebook page and utilizing it for communications.

E. We are still exploring online registration for the NATS festival.

F. We are still looking at launching a You-Tube channel. Anyone interested in helping please contact Justin Montigne.

G. We are requesting that members continue to check their online details on the website so that we can make updates regularly.

H. Please let Justin know if you have suggestions, edits, or see any issues with the website.

VII. New Business:

A. Dietrich Erbelding presentation: He created “The Portable Orchestra”, which is a computer program with orchestrations of Opera Arias and Chorus, and Art Songs. Teachers can use this tool in their studios and in performances with their students. For information on how to get obtain this tool, visit www.PocketCoach.com.

B. The board is going to move to four meetings per year. Tentative dates for meetings January 19th, 2:00 pm at Sue Field’s studio, April 6th, 2:00 pm at Sue’s studio and June 1st, 2:00 pm for the Annual General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

| Board Member | Vote | Comments |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Victoria Rapanan | yes | |
| Sue Field | yes | |
| Katie Tupper | | |
| April McNeely | | |
| Frank Ryken | yes | |
| Alison Collins | | |
| Lee Strawn | | |
| Jennifer Cowgill Sandusky | yes | |
| Justin Montigne | aye | |