



Minutes

SFBAC-NATS Board Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 8th, 2012, 11:00 am at Victoria's house

Present: Jenny Cowgill Sandusky, Sue Field, Victoria Rapanan, Frank Ryken, Katie Tupper

Absent: Alison Collins, Justin Montigne, Lee Strawn

Victoria called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

I. President's report: Victoria

A. Victoria relayed a message to the board from Wendy Hillhouse, our district governor: The national NATS board has approved the development of a regional and national competition wherein the winners from local festivals compete at larger levels. The first finals of the NATS student auditions will be held at the 2014 convention in Boston.

B. There is a lot of new and exciting activity happening in our chapter. Many members who were not previously active are getting involved.

C. The next meeting is Saturday, Nov. 3, 11:00 am at Sue Field's studio in Redwood City at 2245 Brewster St. Redwood City, 94062. The studio is behind the house.

II. Membership report: Frank

Our membership numbers are currently at 104. We are discussing ways to expand our membership.

III. Corresponding Secretary report: Alison

Chapter members can post announcements on the Facebook page. Members can still ensure that the best way to get their announcement to the membership is by emailing Alison.

IV. Newsletter report: Alison

Our first newsletter of the year will be released by mid October, but important updates will be sent to the membership before that time.

V. Recitals: Katie

A. There are currently three student recitals on the calendar:

--Sun., October 28, 3:00 pm, Rossmoor, Fireside Room, Walnut Creek

Coordinator: Victoria Rapanan

--Sun., February 24, 3:00 pm (1:30 rehearsal), Atrium, San Jose

Coordinator: Katya Roemer

--March date TBA, Rossmoor, Walnut Creek

Coordinator: Frank Ryken

Theme: American Songbook, combination teacher / student recital

B. We are looking for other types of opportunities for students such as open mic performances, musicales. Any members interested in coordinating these opportunities should contact Katie Tupper.

VI. Webmaster's report: Justin

- A. Justin will now control the domain of the site. He will port the site to wordpress.org and streamline it to be more user-friendly.
- B. The Facebook group will remain open to the public, and we will begin work on an SFBAC NATS facebook page.
- C. We are looking into the possibility of utilizing paypal on the site so that people can donate to SFBAC NATS online.
- D. We are discussing the possible introduction of other online social sites such as twitter, google+, and a photo-sharing site such as flickr.
- E. We are working on a new logo for the chapter.

VII. Singing Festival report: April

- A. The singing festival will be April 7, 2013 at San Jose State University, the cost is \$2000 for the rental.
- B. We are beginning the search for pianists for the festival. If members have suggestions, they should contact April McNeely.

VIII. Treasurer's report: Lee

- A. We recently sold 2 Oren Brown DVDs and made some income from the recital at the Brookside senior center.
- B. We spent \$100 on the Sherill Milnes masterclass.
- C. For future discussion: The 2012 singing festival cost the chapter considerable funds over and above the registration fees. The Board should discuss in the future whether we want to continue funding the Singing Festival at the level.
- D. For future discussion: We may want to set a budget for programs.

IX. Recording Secretary Report: Jenny

- A. Minutes will be emailed to the board, and each board member will approve them before sending them out.
- B. In addition to giving minutes to the webmaster and posting them in the newsletter, they will also be emailed to the membership.

- X. Program report: Sue
- A. The first program of the year will be on Sunday September 30th from 2:30 to 6:00 pm at the Unitarian Fellowship at 2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City. It will include a presentation by Alex Stoddard on Classical Singer Magazine's Auditions Plus and a presentation by Dr. Veera Asher from Los Angeles on The Achievement Program. There will also be a presentation from Mark Stoddard on marketing. Sue made a motion for SFBAC NATS to pay \$180 for the rental of the UUFRC for the program. Jenny seconded, and the board approved the motion. People interested in going to the program should RSVP to Sue Field.
 - B. Look for an upcoming workshop at Diablo Valley College with tenor Matthew Polenzani, who will sing the title role in Tales of Hoffman with SF Opera in summer 2013.
 - C. There is a possibility of a future workshop with Jeannette LoVetri in conjunction with Ohlone College.
- XI. New Business
- A. We are discussing the creation of leaflets or brochures about SFBAC NATS that we can pass out to non-members at events.
 - B. We are looking at hosting a fundraising event for the organization. Look forward to future announcements about a fundraising event.

Meeting adjourned by Victoria at 1:18 pm.