

Fairbanks Frontier Chorus Management Team Meeting

August 9, 2022

Attendees: Janice Cleworth, Judy Dellinger, Amy Dye, Kanza Keill, Dody Maki, Joy McDougall, Gayle Miller, Jennifer Shelton, and Carol Slater.

We met via zoom. Carol called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Agenda: The agenda was approved with the addition of adding discussion of SET scholarships under New Business.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting were approved with two amendments: to correct information on Mary Sweeney's membership status and to add the word "Spectacular" and capitalize "desserts" to the fundraising report.

Financial report: The financial report for July 2022 was reviewed and approved.

Team Reports:

Music: Gayle provided a written report. July was spent putting the final touches on the Alaska Package for the Fair performance on 8/4. The cancellation of the show will be in the August report. The team met to choose Christmas music and they will check learning tracks on the website to see if any need to be redone. The quartet will work on the new songs.

Fundraising: Dody provided a written report. Week 13 of the weekly supporter stories went in the announcements. They are working on an application for the Sunrise Cares Program offered through Sunrise Bagel and Espresso. If chosen, we would receive \$.50 from each beverage sold on the third Thursday of the month designated to us. Dody asked who they should enter as the contact person on the application and was advised to enter her own name. Dody was advised to modify the third paragraph in the "About Us" to say we would "announce the Sunrise Cares program as appropriate at the following performances..." Kanza advised adding to the second paragraph that we could mention this in our Christmas program and on our home page. We could also write a thank you for the News-Miner's Applause column. The team will meet on Monday to edit the application. Dody asked if they should apply to be on the Pick, Click, Give! list. Gayle said other groups need that money more than we do.

Membership: Joy provided a written report. The number of members should be changed to 28 since Erin is gone, and the number of baritones to 7 since Stefanie is now a lead. The team met to plan the guest nights and invites were created (two to a page.) A few will be printed and brought to the chorus to give to members for passing out. Kanza will send them out with the announcements for people to print on their own.

Visual: Janice said there was no activity to report in July.

Production: Jen said she had nothing to report since the performance at the Fair was canceled. Kristy is going to spend the holidays with Nikki so she won't be able to sing with us at Christmas but has offered to help with the program until she leaves at which point she will pass it to others to finish it up. Jen asked if we should form a committee to work on getting a ramp for the trailer. Amy said her husband John had suggested taking the trailer somewhere so they can see how it opens, how a ramp could attach, what the dimensions are, etc. Carol asked if Kanza's husband, Don, could work with Amy's husband, John, and get together to figure it all out, and if not, let Carol know so we can come up with a new plan.

Communications: Kanza provided a written report. Her knee surgery was postponed to September 1st. August is her team's month to set up the room; Gayle said risers aren't necessary right now. Kanza said she updated the website's home page and Christmas repertoire page. Erin revamped the main repertoire page. Gayle said Michiyo plans to redo some of the Christmas tapes that she isn't happy with. Judy is being trained to help with the website.

Old Business:

Christmas Show: The venue at Pioneer Park is reserved for our Christmas show. An email from Ted with Great Land Sounds (GLS) showed he interpreted our offer incorrectly which led to a withdrawal of our offer via email sent to Dick, Terry, Ted and Mike. Mike called Gayle to apologize, saying what Ted said had been a mistake. Mike asked us to reconsider as they have no other means of income and not having a show could lead to their demise. Mike agreed that with only 9 members, they aren't big enough to do a big show as in the past. Mike said they weren't planning to do a skit after all but planned to do 5 songs from the 1950s for the 1st half. As we do not want to be the cause of their demise, we agreed to have the GLS as a featured guest on our show under the following conditions that will be put in writing and will require their signature:

- Adherence to the allotted timeframe of 15 min. in the 1st half; 10 min in the 2nd half.
- They must time themselves (music and dialogue for each half) ahead of the show.
- They must turn in the list of songs they will perform by the deadline we give them.
- They are not producing the show – they are featured guests in our show.
- Their name will not be on the poster and they are not to come to planning meetings.
- They need to get us information on ad sales by the deadline we give them in order for the business to be listed in the program.
- They need to collaborate with Dody on who they will solicit for ad sales so they aren't approaching the businesses that Sweet Adelines normally solicits and vice-versa.
- If Design Alaska stipulates that their donation is on the condition that tickets are free for seniors, then that money needs to be split with the Sweet Adelines because each free ticket reduces our show revenue. The free tickets will be printed and split between both groups for distribution to seniors.
- If Design Alaska doesn't stipulate that their donation is for free senior tickets, then the GLS can keep the entire amount.
- They will not be given tickets to sell as tickets can be purchased on our website, via Ticket Master, through a Sweet Adelines chorus member, or at the door.

New Business:

SET scholarships: SET is from August 17-21, 2022. The chorus is sending Carol and paying her expenses. Others in the chorus that chose to go are Luanne, Dody, and Leslie. We have \$2000 budgeted for Education. The cost to go to SET is app. \$400 each. We approved giving \$200 scholarships to each of the 3 members going and to ask them to report on what they learn.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting: September 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm via zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Dellinger, Secretary.