

Fairbanks Frontier Chorus Management Team Meeting March 12, 2024

Attendees: Janice Cleworth, Judy Dellinger, Amy Dye, Kristi Gaikowski, Kanza Keill, Dody Maki, Joy McDougall, Carol Slater, and Jen Shelton

We met via Zoom. Carol called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted except for moving the Communications Team report up first under Team Reports and moving "Trip to 2024 Convention" under New Business.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

Team Reports:

Communication: Kanza provided a written report. We discussed adding membership nights for summer singing in May, after our recruitment in April. Carol will write an article for the performance at Raven Landing by April 15th for the article to run in the April 25th edition of Lat 65. Kanza reported that our Facebook post on our performance at the wrestling tournament had a good response. She is working on uploading videos onto our website.

Financial Report: A financial report for February 2024 was given verbally. A pay-out was made from the Christine Upton Memorial Fund. One of the CDs will mature in March. The Woman's Affair registration fee was paid. A few Christmas show expenses were paid in March so final accounting should be finished in April. Stripe charged us \$156 plus a \$15 dispute fee for a disputed payment for a Christmas show ad. Dody is working with Fountainhead to determine what should be done since they had an ad in our program.

Visual: Janice provided a written report. The visual team is looking at the visual aspects of our Chorus booth for the Women's Affair. The team decided on the chorus costume for the performance at Raven's Landing. A question was asked about what the booth sitters should wear. The Visual Team would like booth sitters to wear the red vest with the black shirt to achieve a cohesive look.

Fundraising: Dody provided a written report. Her team met and discussed ways to recruit more members and to have broader outreach in our community. The team discussed new fundraising ideas such as giving businesses the Singing Christmas Card form when soliciting for program ads, sales of digital Valentine cards or flowers, sales of business discount cards, having a Bunko event, and having an ice cream social. The team discussed where to store IFFF things as Carol Ann V. would like to clear out her garage. The team would like the Production team to find the venue for the next IFFF. Dody's team will attend a Saint Patrick's Day auction event to get new ideas for running auctions.

Music: Amy provided a written report via email. February was spent getting ready for the wrestling tournament and Patti's memorial service. Michiyo got "Crazy" started for learning tracks as well as redoing some older songs. The chorus is gearing up for the April performance.

Membership: Joy provided a written report. A question was asked about Associate membership and what that entailed. Joy explained that associates can come to rehearsal and can volunteer

on a team; they just cannot perform with the chorus. February was a quiet month with some planning done for installation. The team focuses on the tasks at hand and is currently not actively pursuing new ideas for new member recruitment.

Production: Jen provided a written report via email. She said we won't be able to rehearse at Raven Landing the Thursday before our show. We will need to bring our risers to Raven Landing on Friday and take them down the same night. We need someone to run the sound system. We will perform along the long wall at Raven's rather than up on stage. Carol will check with the Boy Scouts to see if they can come and help us unload and load the risers that evening. Jen was asked if we would need riser skirts or the shell. No, neither is needed.

Old Business:

Standing Rules review: The words "(including transgender women) and non-binary people assigned female at birth in accordance with the standard procedures for "Chapter Membership Admittance" as described in the Sweet Adelines International Policy Book" were added to the membership audition standards. This is the wording recommended by International. Joy recommended adding "or women who sang with the chorus for a special performance" to the sentence "The Chorus Director may waive the audition for returning members."

Our Future: No discussion

New Business:

Trip to 2024 Convention: Amy and Carol are going to Spokane to attend the Regional convention. The 2024 Competition budget includes \$2,000 for Team Coordinator and Director Travel but that barely covered their plane fare. The Management Team approved covering their plane fare, hotel, and All Events Passes which totaled \$3,009.37, and asked Amy and Carol to cover their food expenses. Amy will review the budget with Kristi to see what changes are needed for next year's competition. She will try to get this done in time for perusal in May and a vote to approve in June.

Member Handbook -Dues: The Management Team approved raising the chorus dues by \$2.25 per month to cover the \$25 increase in International annual dues. We expect Regional to follow suit but decided to not raise our dues any more than was needed to cover the increased International dues, other than rounding up to the nearest quarter from the actual increase of \$2.08 per month. The increased chorus dues will take effect on May 1, 2024. Dues will increase from \$36 to \$38.25 per month (or from \$432 to \$459 annually). New Member Assessments will be increased by \$25 from \$197 to \$222. Carol will put the dues increase in her announcements.

Adjourn: Carol adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Next Meeting – 4/9/24 at 6:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Dellinger, Secretary.