

## **Fairbanks Frontier Chorus Management Team Meeting June 11, 2024**

**Attendees:** Terri Beach, Janice Cleworth, Abbey Coats, Judy Dellinger, Amy Dye, Kristi Gaikowski, Kanza Keill, Joy McDougall, and Carol Slater,

We met via Zoom. Carol called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved after adding “yearly audit discussion” under finance and “competition and coaching” under music..

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May 14, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

### **Team Reports:**

**Financial Report:** A revised annual 24/25 budget was presented. Changes needed were to raise international dues from \$100 to \$125 per paying member (Amy’s dues are counted as an expense but not an income.) Add the biennial nonprofit state fee and increase it from \$25 to \$50. The competition will be in 2025. Increase badges cost to \$2000, breakfast cost to \$500, and coaching cost to \$5000. Income for dues is based on the number of actual members at the time of the budget, not projected numbers. Member dues are \$459 per year. Chapter dues are \$38.75 for each member. Increase the number of members from 23 to 24. It was explained that the difference between scholarships and the CUMF is different funding sources but serve the same purpose. A May Finance Report wasn’t available but Kristi reported that the chorus received \$249 from Malemute saloon donations.

**Audit:** Amy can do the audit but asked the MMT if they felt it would be a conflict of interest since she was the treasurer a couple of months before Kristi took over. Audits are filed with International and involve reviewing bank statements, deposit records, and the checkbook ledger to make sure it balances. The MMT agreed this didn’t pose a conflict of interest and authorized Amy to do the audit. Kristi will file the 990 tax return.

**Music:** Amy provided a written report. May was spent transitioning to the Alaska package for the Malemute Saloon. Carol and Amy attended the regional competition. The Music Team met and decided on the music for Christmas. “Welcome to Christmas” is the theme this year.

**Competition:** The Music Team also decided the chorus would do a “Friends” package in the Open Division at the 2025 competition. The songs “Lean On Me,” “That’s What Friends Are For,” and “You Got A Friend in Me” were chosen.

**Coaching:** Leah will check on the three above songs to ensure at least one is a contest-approved song. Amy asked the MMT to consider doing an Alaskan package for the 2027 competition. She was thinking about doing “North to Alaska,” “Alaska Woman,” and a new song called “I Don’t Know Why You Made Me Love You.” Carol felt Alaska Woman might be considered too “women’s lib” and Leslie suggested hiring a professional as there are people out there who know what needs to happen to get parody songs approved. Leslie suggested, “No New Shoes” and Joy suggested, “Where Is The Sunshine.”

**Membership:** Joy provided a written report. The chorus has 25 members, two new prospects, and two members on leave of absence. Joy created a new dues Information sheet for new members and informed prospects, Samantha and Shannon, of the fees to become a Sweet Adeline. Joy notified the chorus to go to Hot Licks after rehearsal on June 13 for a social time. The team plans to assign chorus buddies to new members to help answer questions they may have. Joy asked if the chorus would do guest nights for Christmas. Yes, we will do invites in August and guest nights in September. Judy will get the list from Dody of the women who signed up at the Woman's Affair and type it up into a spreadsheet. Kristi will see how many invite cards she did last year. Joy will ask Carol Ann F. to send out an e-blast.

**Production:** Terri Beach provided a written report. While she was happy the lapel mic connected with the Malemute's sound system, unfortunately, the sound man said after the show that there was a lot of feedback and it didn't consistently pick up the sound. She wondered if that was due to her having to look down at her notes while speaking and it's possible this also happened during the Raven's Landing show. She recommended purchasing an over-the-ear microphone so the sound piece is in front of the speaker's mouth for consistent volume and it would eliminate the struggle of mic placement during costume changes. She will research the cost and talk to Carol Ann F. about other sound system questions.

**Visual:** Janice provided a written report. This Midnight Sun ballgame costume information was sent to the chorus and scarves will be handed out at the game. The Visual Team is discussing costume ideas for Competition 2025. Clothing and costume choices have changed a lot over the years and there are generational differences to consider. Costumes will depend upon what type of music is chosen.

**Communication:** Kanza provided a written report via email. She has been uploading the Christmas 2024 learning tracks onto the website and once that is done will upload the sheet music. She paid the InMotion hosting bill of \$197.88. Our web domain changed from Google to Squarespace. We lost the dispute with the credit card company over the Christmas program ad sponsor who forgot they had placed an ad, then disputed the charge. A total of \$171 will need to come out of our Christmas show profit. The form the Fundraising team uses to gather credit card information from sponsors to pay for program ads needs to include a signature line.

**Fundraising:** Abbey Coats gave a verbal report. The team is working on a letter to send to supporters for Christmas show ads. She will meet with her team soon to map out the year and focus on fundraising for the Christmas show.

### **Old Business:**

**Standing Rules Review and Member Handbook Review:** Joy asked if the membership handbook committee had met. No. Joy and Janice offered to help. Carol will schedule a meeting in mid-July. Joy said we need to add to the handbook a paragraph stating that if someone is interested in joining Sweet Adelines, an email needs to go out to the chorus first to assess whether anyone objects to that person joining the chorus.

**Our Future:** No discussion

**New Business:**

**None:**

**Other:** Kristi asked if the teams were decided. Yes. Carol will include it in her article in the Announcements. Kanza asked if we would need risers for the fair performance. Yes. Kanza will let her husband know.

**Adjourn:** Carol adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting – 7/9/24 at 6:00 PM**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Dellinger, Secretary.