

Fairbanks Frontier Chorus Management Team Meeting

June 9, 2026

Attendees: Terri Beach, Janice Cleworth, Judy Dellinger, Sandy Dunkle, Carol Ann Field, Kristi Gaikowsky, Kanza Keill, Carol Slater, and Carol Ann Varner.

We met via Zoom. Carol called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes: Kanza requested a correction of her last name, which was misspelled. Also noted that “orientation” is more accurately called “installation.” The minutes from the May 12, 2026 meeting were approved as amended.

Team Reports:

Financial: Kristi provided an amended April report with a corrected balance forward to May of \$28,360.89. May income included Club income from Kroger, dues, and the April Spring Concert table sales. Total income was \$2155.85. Expenses were \$1456.84 leaving a balance forward to June of \$29,059.90. Carol Ann V. asked if things are balancing now with bank statements. Kristi said it was a formula issue. She did a self-audit during the budget process, and caught it then.

Budget: Kristi is verifying money spent and will meet with Amy on the 26/27 budget. She will bring copies to rehearsal and set up a time to discuss and approve the budget.

Music: Amy provided a written report, which Carol read. The chorus is preparing to perform on 6/18 and 6/19. The Music team met to discuss 2027 Competition and decided to do a package for the Open Division.

Membership: Sandy D. provided a written report. The chorus has 22 members, as Marcia resigned in May. The team planned and completed a May social, a send-off for Marcia, and has one planned in June for Abbey’s send-off. The team will plan a social during SET in August and has been discussing ways to recruit new members. The idea for Girl Scouts is to help them earn a badge by inviting them to sing with us. Carol Ann V. said that this badge was featured in International’s e-news and is a very comprehensive badge. Sandy said she will look into presenting the idea at a Girl Scout Leader’s meeting. Judy said Michiyo is looking into the International Friendship Day and Sandy said she emailed the Emblem Club, which is a local philanthropic organization.

Communication: Kanza provided a written report. She will be reviewing what songs for the Christmas show 2026 need uploaded onto the website. She noted that our website cost increased again, as it does every year. She said her husband, Don, will ask Carol when to move the trailer from PJ’s lot to Walden Estates. She said she hasn’t been putting our rehearsals in Lat 65, just special events. She asked if she should be doing that again. Carol said sometimes tourists come to a rehearsal in the summer. Carol suggested Kanza get with the Membership team to know when is the best time of year to put rehearsals into Lat 65. Kanza said she will start again, now throughout the Christmas Show guest nights.

Visual: Janice provided a written report. Costume and backup costume based on weather were

decided for the June 18th performance and a costume for the 19th was decided. The chorus will be notified which costume as we get closer to the 18th. Her team met on May 14th and reorganized the costume storage area. Marcia returned all her costumes, and Abbey has returned many of them, and will return the rest after the June performance. Carol Ann V. asked if they saw a fundraising box in the storage room. Terri said she will get it and bring it to Carol Ann V., as she needs to return birthday bash items to her anyway.

Fundraising: Carol Ann V. provided a report via email. She said she plans to get letters out to supporters in August, with as many as possible hand-delivered. She asked how much funds need to be raised this year to keep the chorus viable. Kristi said the budgeted income is just a guide. Carol Ann V. said a nationwide group that guides non-profits advises having at least two years of annual expenses saved in reserves. She wasn't sure we have enough in reserves, although we are likely in much better shape than most choruses. Carol Ann said she only has Shannon on her team and will need help from the chorus to hand-deliver the letters. She said Marcus is coming this summer and will help her learn Canva to put together the program. Terri said she also would like to learn Canva. Carol Ann said no new fundraising ideas have been given to her. Carol said the chorus isn't interested in doing big fundraisers right now and feels we are well off as a chorus.

Production: Terri said she did not have anything new to report.

Performance Coordinator: Carol Ann F. said she gave Terri the contact name for the 6/18 downtown performance. She contacted Nate, our Fair contact, regarding questions about risers, the truck and trailer, mics, sounds system, etc. and his response was he needed to think about it. He hasn't responded yet, so she will email him again. She did a poll for the Fair and have 7 non-responders. She asked Valerie about doing our Christmas show in January for the Pioneer Home and Valerie said our show is the highlight of the year for the residents. We will stick with our original plan to perform there on December 12th at 3:00 pm. Larry, from Music & More, said we can't do a show in January so Carol Ann F. will try to schedule to perform sometime in 2027, after Competition and before the Fair.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other: None

Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting – 7/14/26

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Dellinger, Secretary