

Fairbanks Frontier Chorus Management Team Meeting

July 14, 2026

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

We met via Zoom. Carol called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Agenda: The agenda was approved after adding new risers to New Business.

Minutes: The minutes from the June 9, 2026 meeting were approved as submitted.

Team Reports:

Financial: Kristi provided a June report. June income included Club income from Buck-a-Brag, dues, and a \$20 tip from the downtown performance. Total income was \$1,722.02. Expenses were \$1,316.47, leaving a balance forward to July of \$29,465.45. The reimbursement to Kristi is for the Regional charter renewal and not for International dues. UCPC had asked Carol whether the chorus has insurance. Amy said we have it through Sweet Adelines, but it is liability insurance that covers accidents. Carol will clarify if UCPC's question was about renters insurance for the contents in the storage room and will add it to the August agenda if we need to discuss purchasing renters insurance. Janice suggested checking to see if the chorus insurance covers our contents stored at UCPC.

Budget: Kristi presented the budget for 26/27 with the 25/26 budget for comparison. Carol Ann V. asked if the chorus still plans on doing singing Christmas cards as it is on the budget but hadn't been discussed at the Fundraising Team meeting. Amy said the Team should plan on doing them, but to let her know if it gets to be too much. Carol asked if we should eliminate the post office box as its cost increases every year. Amy said we can't have our mail go to the church, and it could become problematic to have it go to a member's address. Janice asked if the chorus size is at its smallest ever. Carol said yes, it is. The budget was approved as submitted by consensus.

Music: Amy provided a written report. She attended a cohort meeting which focused on delegation and was very helpful. Cohort meetings will be in June annually. Her team has been busy preparing for the fair, SET, and 2027 competition. Amy added that the chorus had two performances in June: one at the Midnight Sun Game, and the other at Festival Fairbanks.

Membership: Sandy D. and Michiyo provided a written report. The chorus has 21 members, as Abbey resigned in June. Abbey will switch to Member-at-Large status, as she plans to join a chorus once she is settled in Oklahoma. We had a June social at Hot Licks for Abbey. Michiyo contacted the FWCS to recruit new members, and Sandy updated the chorus roster. We won't do a July social at the botanical garden, as we need the rehearsal time. Performing at the garden requires signing up a year in advance. Carol Ann F. will look into it for 2027. Janice asked about the Girl Scout SingUnited badge. Sandy said it is very involved and is offered through SingUnited International. She will let the Girl Scout office know of this badge opportunity. Carol spoke to Terry McCarthy who said the men's group has several women singing with them.

Communication: Kanza said she didn't provide a report as she had nothing new to report except for Talia's posting about the downtown performance on Facebook. Amy said she will send Talia a screenshot of a post done by the Anchorage chorus. They use hashtags. Kanza said she will keep Marcia on the list for announcements, as she enjoys keeping up with what the chorus is doing.

Visual: Janice provided a written report. Her team will meet this week to discuss costumes for the Fair, SET, and the Christmas show. Carol Ann V. asked if Janice wants the fringed vest returned. Janice said chorus members can return costumes we don't often wear if they want to free up closet space. A former member, Diane Miller, called Janice to ask if we wanted a parka back, as she still had it. Janice will pick it up.

Fundraising: Carol Ann V. provided a report and thanked Terri for bringing her the huge tote of fundraising team records. Carol Ann's report included copies of the Christmas program ad solicitation letters. The team will put packets together and ask chorus members to personally deliver them in September. She asked if she should change the letterhead to reflect our new name. Amy said we don't have to update it just yet, as the deadline isn't until year-end 2027. Carol suggested adding the name alongside our old name, so advertisers can become aware of the change. Carol said she looked for, but didn't find, the box of last year's programs. Terri said she gave them to Abbey. Carol Ann V. said she got them from Abbey, but there were only about 25-30 in the box. Carol asked if she would like prior year programs too. Carol Ann V. said yes. Carol said she will let chorus members know the importance of their help to deliver the letters in person. Carol Ann V. said she would like to come to rehearsal with her son Marcus to talk about this to the chorus. Amy said to come around 7:00. Judy asked if the form still has the promise to perform for a certain amount. Carol Ann V. said no.

Production: Terri said she did not have anything new to report. She said email isn't the best way to reach her as she only checks emails on Wednesdays. Texting is better if you need an immediate response.

Performance Coordinator: Carol Ann F. said she talked to Nate, the Event Coordinator for the Fair, this morning, and asked him several questions. He said he would get back to her but she did not hear back this afternoon. We still don't have a contract yet. She talked to Julie, the Festival Fairbanks Coordinator, who had told Terri they have a new venue. Julie said it's in the plan, but moving slowly. Julie asked us to sing on August 20th but she said no, since we will be at SET that weekend. She contacted Larry about singing at the United Methodist Church. Larry said June and July 2027 was open. The Music Team will meet to discuss this further. The Cancer Walk is on September 12th but the number on their website routed her to the National Cancer Society's voicemail. She left a message. Tonya O'Brien was our prior contact so she called her. Tonya looked into it and called her back, saying yes, they want us to perform for the Walk. Sign up is at 9:00 am, the program is at 10:00, and the walk starts at 11:00. She asked if 10:30 was a good time to warm up and when she should poll the chorus. Carol and Amy said to wait until after the Fair, and a 10:30 warm up would be fine.

Old Business: Trailer

Carol said she reserved a spot at Walden Estates to store the trailer. It is easy to access but won't be plowed as well as PJ did. Kanza will talk to Don about moving it over, possibly this

Friday. Don wants others to know how to move the trailer. Kanza asked about the lock to access the space. Carol said it is a combo lock and she will meet them there on Friday. Terri asked who will move it to and from the Fair. Carol said she has put the need out to the chorus but so far no has volunteered.

New Business:

Amy said the moving and set up of our risers is getting harder as not many chorus members are able to do this task. We need lighter risers or find a way to set them up and leave them up. We are not the only ones using that space. It would be a liability if kids were to play on them and get hurt. Judy suggested finding a new venue. Amy said it would be hard to find a place for \$200 per month. Terri said Patricia had been hired to do it. Perhaps we could hire someone again. Janice suggested forming a committee to look into this. Carol said she will ask International for suggestions on where to purchase lighter risers. She noticed that someone had moved the riser chair into our storage area, so leaving that out must have become problematic. Carol Ann V. shared how we acquired the risers years ago. International had suggested a couple of businesses to ask for funding. They contacted Pepsi-Cola, who paid our chorus do tasting tables. It took three months doing that to raise the money needed to purchase the risers.

Other: None

Adjourned: 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting – 8/11/26

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Dellinger, Secretary