



Meeting Minutes 04.03.2016

April 3, 2016, Caroline's House 6pm

In attendance: JN, SBL, CMK, PW, Jen, BO, DK, Laura Landreth, visiting. Absent: JC, AS, MC

1. **Call To Order** 6:05 pm

Minutes (February 7, 2016 meeting) - approved

Minutes, Special Board Meeting (March 13, 2016) - approved

2. **Financial Report (Caroline, Acting Treasurer)**

- Account balance: as of: \$8,997.65

In includes:

- Tuition = \$1335
- Donations = \$1100

Out includes:

- Directors' pay = \$1530
- Other directors' pay (Orch sub, choral workshop) = \$335
- Sheet music = \$384.64
- Donations for the year are quite a bit lower than budgeted (low by approx \$5500, personal donations; \$1700, corporate : otherwise budget tracking ok
 - Discussion
 - initiate another Crowdrise fundraiser? Focus on corporate sponsorships?
 - DK- offer of help with grant-writing

3. **Orchestra and Choir Updates**

Orchestra Report (AS, JN)

- AS's email: The orchestra is working on the upcoming concert. The ensemble can play through all the works and we are now working on overall musicality and phrasing.
- You'll Never Walk Alone
 - Permissions are an issue
 - Plan B? – just with piano
- Performance Attire – standardizing for SMYOC Orchs
 - Female: All black; Male – white top, black pants, bow ties, cummerbund; full tux ensemble too expensive
 - Calvert SMYOC Males will wear a tux (school performance attire)
- Candidate Jessica Bay – Visit Monday April 4, 7:30pm, guest conducting; plus sectionals

Choir Report (JC, by email; SBL)

- JC's email: (abbreviated by SBL)
 - Capella: moving right along with learning/ memorizing music for the May 15 concert. We added a last minute piece to serve a dual purpose for May 15 but also June 10. Rehearsals now go till 9pm.
 - Treble Makers: Learning/memorizing their music. A small group of TMs have been selected to work with Ms. Cooper for the Lord of the Dance portion of the May 15 program and those rehearsals will occur till 8pm on Monday evenings.
 - Both groups learning send off song
 - The workshop with Lori Pellock was very beneficial for both groups and gave the choir members a second wave of energy with our music. Thank you for that!
- Choral workshop – Lori Pellock, guest; well-attended (despite being at the start of Spring Break); singers and audience both got a lot out of it; learning videos still to be posted by SBL
- April 17 Earth Day – optional choir performance event
- Performance attire – orders placed; new is the option to rent - \$25 rental fee
- Music theory curriculum for TM's extra ½ hour of rehearsal time – researching options, mtg with Candice Anders
- TC Mazzeo update – not available until summer of 2017

Ambassador Report (PW)

- Maryland Day – a success; very positive response
 - Honorarium?
- Earth Day, 17th April, 12:30-4:30pm
 - Performances by string quartet, brass quartet, Solo APs and Choir in rotating schedule
 - Table in the square – JN, BO, others...
 - Accompanist?
 - Parking: can not park at the wharf
 - 12:45 Peter Tyson arrives for sound
- Ambassador cellist leaving us?
 - 2nd cellist will also be leaving
- June 10 performance plan: best of the concert plus “SMYOC Pops”
- Opportunity (via Jen) to participate in UCAC (Unified Committee for Afro-Am Contributions) Juneteenth Parade - June 18
 - Opp for choir, but not realistic for instrumental APs
 - Recruitment benefits
 - We can start planning, attend 1st mtg – not firm commitment yet
 - Look into Veterans day parade opportunity too
- Other AP-related issues:
 - American Chestnut Landtrust -- > Person who Julia met at Leadership Southern Maryland – interested in hiring music groups
 - Cheryl Blockland – thumbs up on AP program for Calvert
 - Potential conflict: Calvert small groups from schools vs. our APs

4. Committee Updates

I. Strategic Planning/Governance (CMK, chair)

- March meeting focused on Calvert expansion → led to special board meeting
- Board nominations

- Losing: MC, SBL, CM
 - Susan Lambert to become Executive Director of SMYOC beginning August.
- Add: Laura Landreth? (waiting for her decision)
- Several names offered: CM to issue invitations to attend next mtg – elections in June
- Meeting locations for Board mtgs → Pax Pres?
- Advisory Board – generate names
 - Advisory board blurb – SBL to write/get to Jen -> issue invite to CSM’s Stephen Johnson
 - COSMIC person?

II. Fundraising (JN, chair)

- Letters being generated to those who have donated in the past asking for further donation
- Several grant due dates soon

III. Recruitment (SBL, chair)

- Focus on May Auditions – dates set
- “How to Audition” video created; posted on website
- Recruitment Letters
 - Recruitment for Cheryl’s group -> lists of names already exist
 - New names → can send tweaked old recruitment letter
 - Looking for new idea for reaching out to old people

IV. Website (PW, chair)

- April website meeting
- Applications/auditions: ready to receive (have 1 application already); email sequence has been revised; currently in “prep status” for auditionees (automatic holding response) – will change to ‘audition request’ response shortly
 - Auditions will become part of MENU item, next to HOME, for easier access
 - New carousel will be coming
- Twitter?

5. Discussion topics

- Update on Calvert expansion plans
 - PW: schedule update and review of Calvert plans/datetime
 - Press release soon to go out
 - Facility requests submitted for auditions:
 - St Mary’s Choir: Mon 16th May 6 PM – 9 PM LMS
 - St Mary’s Orch: Tues 31st May 4 PM – 7 PM LHS
 - Calvert Choir and Orchestra: 4 PM – 7 PM Calvert High School on:
 - Fri 13th May, Thurs 19th May, Fri 20th May
 - Personnel:
 - Cheryl is scheduled for all orchestra auditions and rehearsals
 - Choir audition adjudicator team - being assembled by SBL
 - Jessica Bay aware of dates - currently available
 - Distribution of Position paper on Calvert plans

- Discussion of SMYOC and relationship with public schools: SMYOC as extension of school programs; SMYOC intends to be actively involved in efforts to maintain funding for school arts programs
- Update on St. Mary's orch conductor search
 - Jessica Bay – need to set interview date
- Concert Plans
 - Need: stagehands
 - Volunteers for the table
 - Recruitment tickets & comp tix
 - Concert logistics
 - Flowers?
 - Walk through on April 7, Thursday
 - Recognition pins

6. Adjourn 7:45pm

Board dates spring 2016

Sunday, May 1, 6:00 pm (Caroline running the meeting); Pax Pres

Concert May 15

Board family social early June

Committee meetings: August/September, October, December/January, March, and May/June.