

# Regional Management Team Meeting

January 24, 2009

Kathy Lucken \* RMT Assistant

**PRESENT:** Marlys Bronson, Joann Colville, Bev Swanson, Shirley Christie, Ann Westra, Judy Olson, Marla Crowley and Kathy Lucken

**GUESTS:** Connie Miller, incoming Director's Coordinator and Carol Peterson, incoming Finance Coordinator

**ABSENT:** Audra Freeman

- Minutes approved as submitted.

Email consensus prior to January meeting to be added to these minutes:

- \$100 donation in Vickie Wonder Foltz's name to Young Women in Harmony was confirmed.
- \$2,000 scholarship from the YWIH Fund to Osceola High School to bring their youth groups to Mankato.
- Bemidji, MN may be an area to investigate for a new chorus since there are lots of former members living in that area.
- Read international's response to the Year End Report:
  - More detailed education plan
  - Chapter visit outstanding...how many chapters do we reach, and what is the cost of the program?
  - Grass roots education - going out to the members
  - SPLASH - good results--would like to know more details
- Regional Measures will be going out electronically beginning with this publication. Five hard copies will be sent to choruses to distribute to non-email members.
- With  $\frac{1}{4}$  of regional assessments outstanding, the balance sits at \$7,735.00.
- We are \$6,787.20 in the red (this figure does not include this weekend or the March meeting)
- Two out of five years should show a profit, this will be the third year in the red, so we must show a profit this year.
- We must look at finances program by program...revenues are declining and expenses are increasing.
- We currently have \$15,000 CD, \$11,855.00 CD and \$7,735 in checking. This amount also includes the YWIH Fund which has a balance of \$8,753.00.
- A decision was made that no sponsorships will be offered for Director's to attend the Side By Side Seminar.
- Future Educational Programs:
  - 2009 - March 13-14 - St. Cloud. Faculty Training and Long Range Planning Meeting as well as a joint meeting with the RMT.
  - June 26-28 - Camp Rainbow w/Sharon Babb & Tori Postma
  - September 25-26 - Fall Meeting/RAMM w/Vickie Maybury
  - 2010 - March 12-14 - Faculty Training w/Diane Porsch
  - 2011 - March 11-12 - Faculty Training w/Dale Syverson
  - Only two scholarships were awarded this year, \$500 to Kathy Lucken for Youth in Harmony Festival on January 31, 2009, and \$200 to fund 3 quartets for coaching.

**March meeting, 13-14, 2009** - Will be held at the AmericInn in St. Cloud.

**May meeting 29-30, 2009** -With Pat LeVezu and will be in Fargo; there will also be an RMT meeting; Friday and Saturday nights are funded.

**Fall Meeting September 25-26, 2009** - Will be held in Alexandria, MN at Mt. Carmel Chapel Convention Center Camp

**2009 - May 7-10 Convention,**

- We are trying to move the education class to the afternoon.
- To expedite the banquet there will not be longevity recognition or introduction of the RMT. Raffle tickets will be drawn during dinner.
- The stage will again be built - flat floor. Carpeting is still in question.
- There will be no chorus hostesses this year or calls to the chorus rooms, choruses/quartets will be given a schedule with times listed.

**2010 - May 13-16 Convention**

- Will be in Fergus Falls, MN. Life church will be used as the contest site (seats 1,000). Best Western is the headquarters and they will provide shuttle buses. We will be using 4-5 hotels and they will provide busing there as well. The Best Western has a room large enough for our banquet.

**2011 Convention**

- Will be in Rochester at the Double Tree. Room rates are \$109.
- Deb Beltrand of Twin Cities Show Chorus is the Convention Assistant.
  
- We have 701 members in our region, we are only down by 2.
- Longevity pins - on the drawing board
- Contacted all Chorus Membership chairs about Member Recognition week which is the week of February 9, 2009.
- Sent 14 welcome letters to new members from August 2009 to present.
- S.P.L.A.S.H. down loadable templates and logos will be installed on the regional website so choruses can access them to custom design their own membership brochures.
- The RMT ratified the Nominating Committee; Marlys Bronson, Carol Wiersema and Luverne Johnson.