

## **Minutes - Ohio Choral Directors Association Fall Board Meeting**

September 6, 2014

Roush Hall- Board Room

Otterbein College

10:00 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Rich Schnipke, secretary*

Present: Dara Gillis, Bill Zurkey, Loren Veigel, Kent Vandock, Rich Schnipke, Sarah Baker, Sandra Stegman, Peter Hampton, Bob Jones, John McClain, Ann Johnson, Brandon Moss, Eric West, Kristen Snyder, Jennifer Call, Tim Cloeter, Suzanne Walter, Devon Guess, Sharon Gratto, Bob Ward, Eric Richardson, Peter Jarjisian, Libby Hainrihar, Elyssa Hurley

Absent: Dan Monek, Tyler Young, Jerry Parsons, Jeremy Jones, Chris Ilg, Elaine Dwyer, Doug O'Neal, Frank Jacobs, Kristina MacMullen, Jon Peterson

### I. Preliminary Reports

- Call to Order (Dara Gillis)
  - Board member introductions
- Minutes & Roster Update (Rich Schnipke)
  - Roster corrections and additions requested
  - Minutes of summer meeting submitted in writing
    - **Motion:**                    **to approve minutes as presented**
    - Made by:                    Sharon Gratto
    - Seconded by:                Kent Vandock
    - Action taken:                passed unanimously
- Treasurer's Report (Kent Vandock)
  - Treasurer's Report was sent to the board electronically, presented and explained during meeting (see file)
    - **Motion:**            **to approve treasurer's report as presented**
    - Made by:            Eric Richardson
    - Seconded by: Peter Jarjisian
    - Action taken: passed unanimously
    - **Approval of Budget** tabled until end of meeting to allow for adjustments throughout the meeting
- Newsletter Report (Tim Cloeter)
  - Upcoming deadline for first issue is Sept. 15
  - Schedule has been sent with names of who is responsible for writing for each issue
  - Specific reminders to individuals given by Tim
  - Tim has a camera to take photos if needed
- Information Technology Coordinator Report (Eric West)

- Welcome Eric to the board
- Eric has met with James and is learning the software
- Eric is planning to maintain what James has done and to keep the information on the site current and updated
- Would also like updated photos for the site
- Constant contact: conversation about also using for honor choir registrations
- Conversation about adding a PayPal link for Newsletter advertisements
- Membership Committee (Doug O'Neal)
  - Membership Report was sent to the Board electronically (see file)
  - Rich Schnipke verbally presented Doug's report
- Repertoire & Standards Chairs Status Updates
  - High School (Kristen Snyder)
    - No report
  - Women's Chorus (Kristina MacMullen)
    - January Women's Event at OSU (Human Trafficking Theme)
  - Middle School (Libby Hainrihar)
    - No report
  - Multi-Cultural (Sharon Gratto)
    - Check out Choral Journal Multicultural Issue
    - Thanks for the opportunity to be summer conference clinician
  - College/University (Dan Monek)
    - No report
  - Elementary Interest (Suzanne Walters)
    - 2015 Elementary Choir Festival
      - **Motion: to support the 2015 festival in the amount of \$500**
      - Made by: Kent Vandock
      - Seconded by: Tim Cloeter
      - Action taken: passed unanimously
    - Proposals for upcoming Elementary Festival events and needs
      - Discussion about collaborating with OMEA to expand the elementary choral festival to have an event in each region
        - **Motion: to support an additional 2016 festival in the amount of \$500 (from the 2015-2016 budget)**
        - Made by: Tim Cloeter
        - Seconded by: Loren Viegel
        - Action taken: passed unanimously
      - Discussion about adding a new board position to be responsible for the Elementary Festival
        - **Motion: to add an Elementary Choir Festival Chair to the Board**

- Made by: Tim Cloeter
  - Seconded by: Loren Viegel
  - Action taken: passed unanimously
  - Susan would like commission Mark Patterson to write a piece in celebration of the 5-year anniversary of the Elementary Choir Festival. Cost is \$2500 total. \$1250 due at time of commission and \$1250 due at completion.
    - Amount will be added to Susan's budget for the festival to be approved at the end of the meeting
- Music/Worship (Eric Richardson)
  - Quint Visiting Artist (motion tabled from Summer meeting)
  - Have not heard back from Quint since previous meeting. So, we are removing it from our consideration.
- Children's (Jennifer Call)
  - Changing Voice Institute Update
  - Flyers distributed during the meeting
  - Jennifer will email flyers to the board
  - Ken Phillips & Sandy Mathias joining as clinicians
- Vocal Jazz (Chris Ilg)
  - No report
- Show Choir (Devon Gess)
  - No report
- Men's Chorus (Bob Ward)
  - No report
- 2-Year College (Peter Jarjisian)
  - Peter has been in touch with Kira Seeton about a possible collaboration
- Community (Frank Jacobs)
  - No report
- Summer Reading Session Recap (Loren Veigel)
  - Sessions went very well
  - Loren has extra copies if you need them for your R&S notebooks
- OMEA Reading Sessions (Loren Veigel)
  - Everything was on schedule
  - Loren is suggesting one extra title each
    - Discussion ensued and we decided to keep the number the same
  - Loren will be sending spreadsheets to R&S chairs in the fall for OMEA
  - Conversation ensued about logistics of replacing the single copies with the books. Suggestions were made for improving the books.
- R&S Requests, Notebooks and Officer responsibilities (Loren Veigel)
  - Request of the board to put together a list of job responsibilities
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- Chair Reports

- Mentorship (Bob Jones)
  - Have on mentor process complete. Jared Joseph at Washington Courthouse was mentored by Jim Gallagher
  - Post experience interview will be printed in newsletter
  - Regional chairs, please get names to Bob
  - Discussion of mileage reimbursement for mentors. Budget increase will be added to Mentorship budget for approval at the end of the meeting
- Historian (Dara Gillis for John Long)
  - Currently seeking an historian. Please email Dara suggestions
- Youth/Student (Rich Schnipke for Jeremy Jones)
  - Jeremy would like to ask the board to consider reinstate the scholarships for student members to attend the summer conference. He would also like to up the number of scholarships per student chapter to 2.
    - **Motion: to add \$1140 to the conference budget to support 1 scholarship per student chapter to the summer conference**
    - Made by: Eric Richardson
    - Seconded by: Peter Jarjisian
    - Action taken: passed (1 neigh vote)
- Retired (Jerry Parsons)
  - No Report
- Exhibits (Elaine Dwyer)
  - Currently collecting at for Newsletter. We have several new advertisers. Ads to Elaine by Sept. 15
  - Elaine will send an email with total once she has all the ads
  - She would like to have a Pay Pal link added
  - Julie Dewald will be joining Elaine as co-chair for exhibits
- Past President's Council Report (Bill Zurkey)
  - Hosted first past presidents council meeting
  - Thanks to Gail Walker for giving OCDA a place to archive OCDA files at Otterbein University
  - Distinguished service candidates were discussed and offered several great suggestions – Will be voted on at Winter Meeting

## II. Old Business

- Children's Honors Chorus (Jennifer Call)
  - Update of Children's Honor Chorus and committee proposals
    - Being managed by committee instead of one person
    - Christine Jordanoff will be guest conductor
    - Guest choir invited
    - Looking to use online registration
    - Timeline adjusted for communications to teachers
    - To be eligible to nominate students, teachers need to be members of OMEA and/or OCDA

- Request from the board to help recruit elementary teachers to send their students
- Jennifer is proposing to raise the student registration cost from \$165 to \$170 to cover the costs associated with Pay Pal and credit card processing
  - **Motion: to raise the children's honor choir student registration cost from \$165 to \$170**
  - Made by: Susanne Walters
  - Seconded by: Brandon Moss
  - Action taken: passed (1 neigh vote)
- Copies of CHC budget distributed
  - **Motion: to accept CHC budget as presented, deleting the \$1000 commission reserve and raising the accompanist fee to \$750 and meal rate to \$50**
  - Made by: Kent Vandock (friendly amendment by Rich Schnipke)
  - Seconded by: Susanne Walters
  - Action taken: passed (elected officers called to vote, 6 yes votes, one abstention)
- High School Honor Choirs (Ann Johnson and John McClain)
  - Working to reorganize budget and will present at January meeting
  - Guest conductors Frank Bianchi and Linda Hasseler
  - Email blast starting publicity by October 1
  - Working to improve communication and publicity
  - Goal is to have at least 30 schools participating in 2015 (18 schools participated in 2014)
- 2014 Summer Conference Recap (Brandon Moss)
  - Total attendance 163 (down from 175 in 2013)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June fell earlier this year
  - Evaluations were fairly positive
  - Mixed reviews on reading packets
  - Considering location change for Gemütlichkeit
- Other Old Business

### III. New Business

- 2015 Summer Conference (Dara Gillis)
  - Simon Carrington Headliner
  - Date June 22-24
  - Hoping later date will help with attendance
  - Howard Helvey will be representing church music
  - Kristina MacMullen will present on incorporating movement
  - Amy Johnston Blosser will present on repertoire
  - Lynda Hasseler and Frank Bianchi will also present
- Elections (Bill Zurkey)
  - Region Chairs, president elect and secretary

- Suggestions made by past presidents council
- Other New Business
- Budget (Kent Vandock)
  - **Motion: budget approved as amended throughout the meeting**
  - Made by: Eric Richardson
  - Seconded by: Tim Cloeter
  - Discussion
  - Action taken: Passes Unanimously

#### IV. Adjournment

- **Motion: to adjourn**
- Made by: Eric Richardson
- Seconded by: Sharon Gratto
- Action taken: passed unanimously

#### OCDA Board Meetings:

- Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Roush Hall, Board Room, Otterbein University
- Monday June 22, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Roush Hall, Board Room, Otterbein University

#### Other Important Events:

- OMEA Conference – February 5-7, 2015 in Cleveland
- ACDA National Conference – Feb 25-28, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT  
Registration opens Oct. 1
- OCDA Summer Conference June 22-24 Otterbein University