

Pilgrim Festival Chorus Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting

Presiding: C Dorchester.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. A quorum of members was present. The number necessary for an election were present- 55%.

Secretary's Report:

April 21, 2008, Annual Meeting minutes were moved and voted to be accepted as read, via handouts and previous posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

President, C Dorchester, gave the treasurer's report. The focus was on the cost of producing a quality concert, such as the two just performed on May 2 and 3, 2009. It takes more than dues and ticket sales to cover our costs. Thankfully we have some grants from Local Cultural Councils, and a few donations. But we need additional donations and more grants. She covered more in her own report.

Music Director's Report:

B Richter was thrilled with our last season! Our own Christmas/Advent concert, the PPO Holiday Pops, our Spring Celebration. The Cherubini *Requiem* was wonderful! Two full dress rehearsals would be great to have, still the audience loved it. He's looking forward to 2009-10: another Christmas concert, a Messiah Sing, and the Holiday Pops. Then our Spring concerts, and maybe more. His wish list also includes more basses and tenors. He mentioned the dates of our fall season concerts, but the music proposal was not ready.

President's Report:

Cynthia Dorchester, Board President, went over the highlights of the past musical year. There were so many "Firsts"! and we hope to continue with many of these things. Our Nonprofit status application is near completion. When that is final, we should be able to secure more grant money and contributions from corporations. She ended by saying that it's been a wonderful ten years, hopefully the first of many more tens. She thanked our Music Director and Accompanist profusely. William Richter and Elizabeth Reilly have been with us from the beginning, and without their invaluable leadership and teaching, PFC would not be where it is today. The report was voted to accept as read.

(The full President's Letter was distributed to all members, and is also posted on the PFC website. Ask, if you need a copy.)

New Business:

Nominations: Lois Post, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the names of nominees for the PFC Board of Directors, to serve for 3 year terms ending in 2012. The vote was by paper ballot, as there were 5 nominees for 4 open positions.

Results of the election:

Cyndy Dorchester, Reelected for 3 years, 2012

Louissette Musow, Reelected for 3 years, 2012

Tom Nordquist, Reelected for 3 years, 2012

Susan Brandt, Newly elected for 3 years, 2012

Dick Campbell was not elected. The Board thanked him for his interest, and invited him to run again next time. The Secretary cast one vote to accept the slate as voted. Continuing their unexpired terms on the Board are:

Klaus Haak, 2011
Meredith Hutchings, 2011
Michelle McGrath, 2011
Dan Miot, 2011
Susan Mullaney, 2010
Linda Kegel, 2010
Eileen McCaffrey, 2010
Joyce Sand, 2010
Connie Melahoures - Immediate Past President, 2012 (non-voting member)

The board and membership thanked Bridgette Wargovich, who is stepping down, for her 3 years of dedicated service to the board.

Note: Soon after this meeting, Officers were elected or reelected to the Board's Executive Committee:

Cyndy Dorchester - President, 3 years, 2012
Klaus Haak - Vice President, 2011
Eileen McCaffrey - Treasurer, 2010
Meredith Hutchings - Secretary, 2011

Winners for the most Spring, 2009, tickets sold were: 1st place - Connie Melahoures, 2nd place - Barbara Lane, Tie for 3rd place - Ginny Davis and Ann Thompson. Several others also sold more than the 4-5 tickets all members were given to sell. The board is extremely grateful for the efforts made by all those members who did sell tickets for our concerts. After all, why would we want to perform without an audience to hear us?

If we sing again at the Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast, it was suggested that we schedule a rehearsal with the Bethel AME choir beforehand. We seem to remember being invited back next year.

Announcements:

The President announced that the Annual Meeting will continue at a date to be announced, probably in August. At that time, we will also have a party for all members.

There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meredith Hutchings, Secretary