

Pilgrim Festival Chorus Minutes of Annual Meeting

Presiding: C Dorchester.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm, after a social hour. A quorum of members was present.

Secretary's Report:

2006 Annual Meeting minutes: the minutes were approved as posted on the PFC website.

Treasurer's Report:

L Fredericks presented the Annual Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$3,295.79, as of 5/7/2007, to end the 2006-7 year. For the concert just performed, we were about \$720 short. However, money was generated by the excellent effort by members to sell tickets, and to pay for their dues and music. Other sources of income are grants awarded by the Plymouth, Whitman, Hanson, Kingston, Sandwich, Carver, Duxbury, and Plympton Local Cultural Councils. A contingent from PFC sang at the Pinehills at Christmas, and several members participated in the 2007 Walk for Music. This extra income helped to fund the magnificent soloists and orchestra for our Haydn *Creation* concerts. Although it is good to end "in the black", plans for the 2007-2008 season will require the use of these funds. The report was approved as presented.

Music Director's Report:

B Richter thanked our members -- and our audiences -- for a very successful year. It was challenging, but successful. Whatever the musical challenge offered, we rise to meet it. He announced the music selections for 2007-2008. For Fall, November 10, we will perform some of the Brahms *Liebeslieder Waltzer* (waltzes) and selections from Edward Elgar's *Music Makers* choral works. The Brahms will involve 4-hand piano. Vickie Schlosser will accompany Elizabeth Reilly on the second piano. We'll do a song of Thanksgiving next season, 2008. There are not many songs written specific to our Pilgrims. For the Holiday performances with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, the music has not been selected. Those dates are December 8 and 9, 2007. In Spring, on March 29 and 30, 2008, our 2-concert performance will feature Ralph Vaughan Williams. It will include *Dona Nobis Pacem*, mostly in English, with orchestra or organ. Also, *Five Mystical Songs*. Some of these numbers will need a baritone soloist and organ.

President's Report:

Cynthia Dorchester, Board President, went over the highlights of the past year. Singing at the Pinehills was a good opportunity for us to raise money. She thanked members for their excellent ticket sales this past season. She acknowledged and thanked Dan Miot, Michelle McGrath, and Susan Mullaney for their wonderful publicity on the concerts, and Susan Mullaney for designing the programs, posters and tickets. The full text of Cyndy's report is posted on the "Members page" of the website.

She asked that all members be on the lookout for opportunities to perform in their community, e.g. at Town Meetings and other special municipal occasions. We will do this as part of our community service obligation. But we need members to apply for grants from their Local Arts Councils, and to look for fund-raising opportunities similar to the Pinehills caroling. These extra monies are needed to build the treasury and allow us to present concerts like the Haydn *Creation* and Brahms' *Requiem*, as they should be performed, with an orchestra and soloists, and the superb musicianship of our director and accompanist.

Cyndy thanked all the Board members for their service and support during her first year as President, especially Paul Scheid, a founding member of the PFC, who is retiring from the board this year. She thanked Cliff and Linda Fredericks for providing the space for this meeting. Members, in turn, thanked Cyndy for arranging the great refreshments. (See the PFC website for the full annual report.)

She thanked the great PR folks for their work: Michelle McGrath, Susan Mullaney and Dan Miot. The effort was phenomenal.

New Business:

Nominations for the 2007-8 year Board Members were presented by the President. They are: Linda Kegel, Joyce Sand, and Susan Mullaney, running for an additional term, and Louisette Musow, a new member. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Members voted in favor of the ballot as presented. The Secretary cast one vote to accept the slate.

Awards for high ticket sales were given to Liz Estes, Connie Melahoures and Eileen McCaffrey. The board is extremely grateful for the extra efforts made by all members to sell tickets to our concerts.

Announcements:

Kathy McMinn was awarded the 2007 ARTY Award by the Plymouth Cultural Council at their annual dinner. Susan Mullaney talked about the Broadway show to be presented on June 30. Rehearsals were just now starting. Chorus ensemble numbers will include set pieces from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Music Man*. Singers are still needed. The Plymouth Antiquarian Society Hedge House event is on August 18. Let folks who did not sing in Spring know about this event. Calls will be made as soon as we have more details.

There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Members continued to socialize with one another and enjoy the refreshments and the camaraderie of the evening for a while longer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meredith Hutchings, Secretary