

Pilgrim Festival Chorus Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting (continued)

Presiding: C Dorchester, President.

The Annual Meeting continuation was called to order at 4:45 pm. A quorum of members was present. The main purpose of this meeting was to announce and vote on our 2009-10 season program, and to vote on the Bylaws Revision. This revision will almost complete what is necessary for PFC, Inc. to apply for Non-Profit status under IRS code 501(c)(3).

Secretary's Report:

Action taken at the first portion of this Meeting, on May 18, 2009, was posted on the website and hand delivered re: Elections of BOD member, Officers, President's Report, etc. Voted to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report:

There was no need for a treasurer's report at this meeting.

Music Director's Report:

B Richter gave a brief outline of the 2009-10 season. The full schedule is on our website, and had been sent to all members earlier. We'll start up again on Sept 14, for our Nov 29 concert, featuring some more modern versions of a Mass and a Gloria: "Son of God Mass" by James Whitbourn and "Gloria" by John Rutter. Both are late-20th, 21st-century composers. We'll also include Christmas carols, as this is the first day of Advent. Our own Elizabeth Reilly will accompany on organ. The Whitbourn piece also has a soprano saxophone accompaniment. Solo sections will be sung by active members.

We'll join the Plymouth Phil for the "Holiday Pops" on Dec 12-13, and have our own "Messiah Sing" on Dec 20. We'll finish the main season with Handel's "Judas Maccabeus" in April, 2010. The board voted to accept this schedule and program at its last meeting. The membership concurred.

Bill had some questions for the membership: (1) What do we want at rehearsals: starting earlier, ending earlier, or a shorter break? Voted to take a poll in September. (2) Do we like the music? Is it too hard, too easy? Are we progressing as desired? Most were happy with what we're doing. A suggestion was made that we alternate contemporary and more traditional choral music. We need to have people listen to instructions given at rehearsals, and keep to the subject of learning the music. A member suggested that we structure the sections so we always sit with the same people, especially in the 2 soprano sections, to be able to learn the parts better. This was taken under advisement. Overall, Bill said he was very pleased with the 2008-9 concerts, including the third season.

PFC, Inc., Bylaws Revision:

The Revised Bylaws, with markups, had been given to all members for review via email message, postal letter, hand delivery and posting on the PFC website over 14 days prior to the meeting, as required. The Bylaw Revision was briefly read and key points, additions, deletions, and changes were explained by C Melahoures, head of the Bylaws Revision Committee. Some discussion followed. Approval and acceptance of the Revision, as presented, was moved by L Kegel and seconded by S Mullaney. Proxy votes received prior to the meeting were counted into the total. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor. Amending the Bylaws requires a vote in favor by 2/3 of the active members present.

New Business:

Waiver Form: There is a new process to ask for reduced dues. Members need to fill out a Waiver of Dues Request, available from the Treasurer. Students must fill out this form

also, for half-dues status. The Executive Committee will make decisions on the waiver requests. The change of fiscal year end instituted in the new Bylaws will bring our Annual Meeting date to some time in February (or as soon as possible after December 31). There was more talk of membership matters. The bookkeeping and planning for the season will be a little tricky a little while, during the transition from a May to a December FYE. We will also need to plan our concert and rehearsal schedule for the next 18 months.

Announcements:

There were some requests that we pray for family members and friends of PFC who are or have been gravely ill.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm. Before- and following- the meeting, a wonderful party was enjoyed by all present. It included fabulous entertainment, plus food and drink brought by the membership. The finale was a fireworks show! We heartily thanked Michelle and Michael McGrath and their children for hosting this event at their home.

The next Board Meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meredith Hutchings, Secretary