

**Summer Board Meeting: August 9, 2010**

**Valley City, ND**

**Call to Order:** Leesa Levy called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

Members present: Zinke, Leevy, Raber, McIntyre, Seil, Boechler, Burns, Rockne, Wetz, Bondley.

- Minutes read from March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting ...no changes made.
- Motion to approve minutes...Michael Rockne, seconded by Desiree Bondley. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:**

- All members were given the opportunity to study the spreadsheet from Sheldon. Sheldon commented that most things were similar to last year, with no big changes. However, a very positive thing was that the state conference made over \$5000 this year! A congratulations to the organizers/coordinators for their help in getting things done cheaply and efficiently. Special mention of Joshua Bronfman was made and the generosity of UND and its facilities.
- Motion to accept report made by Pam Burns, seconded by Cheryl McIntyre. Motion passed.
- New budget...discussion of next year's budget by members
- Motion to accept 2010-2011 budget by Vicky Boechler, seconded by Sheila Zinke. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- All R & S positions are all filled. Thanks to all who are serving our state in that capacity.
- Surround the State in Sacred song. Note from Michael Stevenson in absentia.
  - Valley City and Dickinson.
  - October 29-30, 2010
- Surround the State in Song:
  - Bismarck site discontinued. Dickinson is the replacement.
  - Registration and information is posted online.
  - Sound files shall be posted online for practicing once they are made.
  - Registration date: September 17
- Provide information to be placed at JW Pepper & Popplers new music clinics for Surround the State and ACDA membership.
- NDACDA Website
  - Cheers to web-mistress for the updated and useful website...1 calendar year since switch. Sheila mentioned the way other states' websites look and complimented our site.
  - Suggested for R & S chairs to put repertoire suggestions database on website. Rebecca reported that option was already available on the site since after the winter conference, but added that all R & S chairs need to contribute more fully to supplement what's already there.
  - Page added for music education students and to mentor new teachers. There already is a "In the Classroom" page that has tips for teachers, but maybe also have a link "do you want a mentor to contact you?" Sheila mentioned that she has been trained in this area. Rebecca will

place this link on the website. The "Discussion Board" would also be a useful tool in this regard.

- One of the colleges asked about advertising on our website. Rebecca reported that the graphic would not be difficult, as it would be simple picture placement, not popups. Discussion ensued as far as costs. Vicky Boechler offered to explore the area of web advertising cost and would get back to Rebecca before proceeding.
  - Can the College music department websites provide a link to our website and vice versa?
- For the Distinguished teachers of the year...we should send a letter of invitation to the school administrators to be present at the concert.
  - Sheldon stated that we need to make sure we have original receipts for reimbursing. No credit card statements will be accepted in the future.

### **New Business:**

- Nomination of officers for the president-elect position.
  - Voting to take place before December. Sheila will chair it.
  - Will ask east west reps for names for nominations
- NDMEA
  - Dates are March 20-22, 2011.
  - There was much discussion on creating recordings to help All State Vocalists. It was agreed that these have to come from our organization if we want it to get done. Once created, they can be hosted on the NDMEA site.
  - Discussion of a required practice session for all singers...hosted by colleges.
  - Rebecca suggested (ala Eric Whitacre's Virtual Choir), that we hire to create interactive videos that have voices rehearsing and performing the all state music. Students can rehearse with those. All agreed.
- 2011 Conference in Dickinson
  - Rebecca gave a brief report on the progress of the conference planning, including the recent planning meeting in Dickinson in early August with Bruce Southard and Michael Stevenson.
  - There was a suggestion that there be a director's choir again next year. There had previously been suggestions to NOT have the director's choir by some of the membership as well.
  - Desiree Bondley will give Rebecca the deadlines for honor choir auditions and registration. Is it possible to get the music into the hands of the students sooner? Discussion. We should send music out as soon as the names are posted on December 15.
  - Rehearsal files, translations and conductor notes will again be posted on the website, as it was deemed a big help to the singers last year.
  - Men's Honor Choir Registration Deadline is October 31.
- It was suggested that we again send a mailing to the school superintendents and principals, asking them to encourage their teachers to become involved in the organization and attend conference.
- Leesa reported from the Chicago leadership conference.

- There is an upcoming merger with ChoralNet which is designed to encourage interaction between members through community groups (ala Facebook)
- Swing Choir Festival
  - In Valley City in March...all are invited to participate.

Motion to close meeting by Sheldon Weltz, seconded by Mike Seil. Approved.