

Rockville Chorus Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2009
7:30 p.m. – Glenview Mansion

Chorus Members/Board Members Present: Heather Collier, Daryl Newhouse, Jean Provost, Justine Cowan, Bryan Seith, Bob Hedrick, Anna Zdanis, Ginny Frank, Donna Hutton, Karen Carp, Jan Aamodt, Julie Farrell

Men's Performance Attire: The board discussed the proposed wardrobe for the men. There was discussion of having men wear black tuxedos, preferably a 5-piece ensemble (Pants, jacket, shirt, cummerbund & tie) of breathable material (such as wool). The price point of \$100 was discussed and that a wool material would probably not be attainable at that price. Discussion included fund-raising and subsidization for members unable to afford the ensemble that will be chosen by the board. A motion was made to adopt the tuxedos. The motion carried with 5 votes. Details concerning the tuxedos will follow.

All proposed costume/attire changes will be implemented beginning in fall 2009, as was discussed at the Board meeting in August 2008.

Women's Performance Attire: A lengthy discussion about proposed changes to the women's performance attire ensued. Various members voiced their opinions on these changes.

A motion was made that there be no change to the women's attire. The motion did not pass.

Board members and chorus members in attendance each presented their opinions about the various wardrobe options for women. A motion was made to have the women adopt a white, flat color tuxedo shirt. The motion did not pass. After further discussion, including the proposed price point (under \$20, chorus to buy matching ties for men & women) the Board discussed that it was the simplest and least expensive option. The motion was again raised and passed (6 Yes). Another motion was made to adopt a uniform black, A-line, easy care, ankle length skirt with black cummerbund. The motion passed with 6 votes. A motion was made to have the women adopt this attire by fall 2009.

Proposed Program for spring 2010: Bryan Seith updated the Board about the proposed collaboration with the Gaithersburg Chorus in spring 2010. He said that he had spoken with their Director about performing 2 concerts together – one in Gaithersburg and one in Rockville. Details and further discussion will follow.

Other Items:

Bryan also mentioned a possible commission/funding for Larry Moss or Jim Sadler to compose a piece to be performed by the Chorus. It was decided that Bryan will preview the piece for musicality/ease of performance before it is given to the Chorus for rehearsal.

Daryl Newhouse asked the Board/Chorus members present for volunteers for the proposed Germany trip committee.

The upcoming (March 2) Potluck Dinner was briefly discussed.

A letter from Lawrence Brand was read. Mr. Brand has requested that members of the Chorus participate in a Sing Along, with a \$500 donation made to the Chorus for this effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.