

CHIMES TIMES II

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APRIL 2009

AGENDA... FOR CHORUS BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, APR. 7, 2009

6:15 P.M.—6:45 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SING OUTS
2. COSTUMES
3. MEMBERSHIP
4. PUBLICITY
5. VACATION CALENDAR
6. WGI RETAIL SALES
7. FOLLOW-UP WITH WINERIES FOR SINGOUTS

8. TOMPKINS WEEKLY ARTICLE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. JUNE BBQ REMINDER
2. WOS PLANNING & FUND DESIGNATION

COMMITTEES:

WANT TO PRESENT AN IDEA TO THE CHORUS? GET ON THE AGENDA BY CONTACTING AD-HOC MEMBER JOYCE PALMER AT 273-1713.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Agenda for next business meeting*
- *Timeline of 2009*
- *The Importance of Membership*
- *Reminders*
- *Chimes Trivia*
- *Music Ed 101*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009:

- *April 7—Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.*
- *April 13—Singout at Caroline Seniors; sing at 6:00 p.m.*
- *May 29 or 30—Ithaca Festival Singout, time TBA*
- *June 20—Ithaca City School District, Retirement Party, Holiday Inn, evening, time TBA*
- *July 10-11—Relay for Life Singout, day and time TBA*
- *Elks—Pigroast & VA Hospital, date TBA*
- *New Member Party—Dates to be determined*
- *More 2009 Singouts—Dates to be determined*

TIMELINE 2009

February — Singing Valentines 2/13 & 14

June — Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ 6/6

July — Relay for Life 7/10-7/11

August — NASCAR 8/6-9; Whale of a Tag Sale 8/22

October — Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ 10/3

October- December — Christmas Chorus

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee A Report

Thank you to everyone for the Lansing West singout, March 19th. It was appreciated for people to take time out from their hectic schedules. We may be invited to sing at their company-wide picnic this summer. More to come. Thank you to Pat & Sue for the necklaces and to Roni for all our earrings.

Pat ordered some samples for ideas for new costumes. We're looking at two different outfits. A proposal will be presented to the Executive Board. Shoes will be the next focus for the Chimes, so we look alike. Just a reminder to all who sing out—please be prepared with your make-up; blue eye shadow, red lipstick, and a big happy smile!

Committee B Report

Committee B has been temporarily stalled waiting for members to return from out of town, thus has met with Committee A in an effort to keep abreast of the forward movement of the chorus.

Candis is working on the revision of the tri-fold brochure. It is nearly complete.

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REMINDERS:

Costume fees are a once-per-year fee of \$35.00, due each January. Dues and costume fees can be paid in full at the beginning of each year. Dues can also be paid at the beginning of each quarter, or per month; dues are currently \$10.00 per month. Total cost is \$155.00 per year.

Planning to be absent? Please call Daisy Sweet if you are unable to attend a planned rehearsal. It will facilitate the group and the director's ability to plan the evening. Thanks!!

Bring your tape recorder to rehearsal!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT'D)

Candis requested that anyone who has photos of the Chimes in the past couple of years might share them in an effort to put more recent photos and members in our current publicity.

Based on the information received from Lonna at IRL—regarding WGI retail sales, we will try to contact them again next year to see if there is space available. For future contemplation, the chorus has the opportunity to sell souvenirs; i.e. t-shirts, hats, mugs, etc that are specific to the WGI. The organization requires that we work both events IRL and NAS-CAR, and that everyone working the retail location attend a training. The good news is Lonna will come to the chorus if necessary. We would essen-

tially be in a kiosk—that means two to three people tops, at a location. The challenge is to get a location that is not remote from the rest of the action at the track. We would potentially make 10% of the net sales. But, we need a good location to make it worth our while.

As always, both committees are always looking for ideas regarding membership.

Treasurer's Report: Claire was absent from this month's Executive Board meeting.

Ad Hoc: JoycePalmer reported that one of our members approached her with a concern regarding the chorus singing without direction.

Fundraising: No new report;

reminder that publicity and planning will need to begin shortly for the June chicken barbeque. Also WOS (Whale of a Tag Sale) planning needs to begin shortly. Please be sure to begin collecting—tell your friends and family. The date for the event has been moved to later in August to accommodate incoming Ithaca residents associated with the academic calendar.

Corresponding Secretary: Cayuga Chimes tri-fold is in progress; photos needed if possible.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

There are as many reasons not to become a member of an organization as there are people who make that decision. It is our duty to encourage our friends and acquaintances by coaching them with the positive things about being a member of our group. There are after all, multiple benefits to singing! We benefit, physically, emotionally and socially. Physically, we exercise our lungs, toning up our intercostal muscles and diaphragm—which, by the way can improve our sleep. We benefit our heart and our circulation by improving our aerobic capacity; and we decrease muscle tension when we sing. Our facial muscles get toned, posture improves; we're more mentally alert. We feel better physically, thus improve emotionally. And, we develop a relationship with our fellow singers that is irreplaceable. Share the benefits with those around you!!

MUSIC ED 101

Here's a quick and easy vocal warm-up; a tongue-twister! It contains many buzz sounds and difficult consonant combinations. It is possible to say all in one breath if you use diaphragmatic breathing and carefully control the volume of air expelled. Articulate every sound!

What a to-do to die today at a minute or two to two, a thing distinctly hard to say bur harder still to do. For, they'll beat a tattoo at a quarter to two: a rat-ta tat-tat ta tat-tat ta to-to. And the dragon will come when he hears the drum at a minute or two to two today, at a minute or two to two.

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NOTE

New mailing address for the Chimes is:

P.O. Box 4522

Ithaca, New York 14852

DON'T FORGET RELAY FOR LIFE

THEME THIS YEAR IS DR SEUSS!!!!

AUNT ABIGAIL'S ADVICE

Chimes member Carol Chase reported to me that the Whale of a Sale in Waycross, GA earlier in March was again a huge success. Are we Yankee gals going to let those "Georgia peaches" outdo us? I think not!!! Let's get going and give it the ole' college try!!

That's my advice.

TIPS TO LIVE BY

Ship with Greyhound—it costs less!!