

# CHIMES TIMES II

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MAY 2009

## AGENDA... FOR CHORUS BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

**6:15 P.M.—6:45 P.M.**

### OLD BUSINESS:

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. JUNE BBQ REMINDER—NEW DATE! JUNE 14TH
2. WOS DATES, DECALS & DISTRIBUTION FOR SIGNS

### 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:

- *May 5—Chorus Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.*
- *May 30—Ithaca Festival Singout, 7:00 p.m.*
- *June 14—Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ, Stewart Park*
- *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 6/14

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

Committee A continues to work on examples for new costumes. Pat has put forth tremendous effort in finding examples that might work. It has been suggested by the Executive Board that the costume committee consider costumes that are flashy and impressive, lending a whole chorus look which is outstanding and

memorable; street clothing (ready-to-wear) may not be bold enough. The Executive Board will be concentrating on a plan for costume requirements and recommendations at the end of May.

A reminder that shoes will be the next focus for the Chimes, so we look alike.

Membership continues to be on the agenda.

### Committee B Report

Committee B will resume its work on upcoming publicity for fundraisers, membership and will begin a specific plan for locations for marketing both.

An ad will be placed on Craigslist for disposition of the upright piano in #36 garage.

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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!!*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Group synergy refers to the idea that two heads (or more) are better than one. You may have also heard the phrase, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." That sounds very familiar. Put simply, groups are often capable of producing higher quality work and better decisions than can an individual working alone. A group may be more willing to take on a large project than would an individual—think quartet, or solo. In addition to its increased ability to perform work, the group can provide encouragement and support to its members while working on a big project. Individuals often join a group to meet their interpersonal needs—there are three possibilities. Inclusion, the need to establish identity with others; control, the need to exercise leadership and prove one's abilities; and affection, the need to develop relationships with people.

Keep these in mind as you share your love of the Chimes with those around you.

## MUSIC ED 101

Many people have misconceptions about warm-ups. Some think they only consist of a couple of "mi-mi-mis" or running through a song or two. First of all, it is most important to know that there are various kinds of warm-ups. Here are 5: stretches, rhythmic, melodic, harmonic, breathing.

Let's explore stretches this month. These are physical warm-ups that relieve tension to prepare your body to be relaxed enough to allow your voice it's best opportunity of having a good quality of sound. They may include head rolls, shoulder rolls, stretching out the intercostal muscles as well as other stretches for any muscles that might be distracting from paying 100% attention to vocal technique.

## CHIMES

### 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!!!!**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT'D)

Work continues on the tri-fold. Postcards will be printed and available for distribution for Whale of a Sale—sale promotion and donation requests, and for Chicken BBQ's.

A new, slightly smaller banner is needed for our upcoming events. Jill Hughes will recruit a couple of members to assist in designing something that can be used at Ithaca Festival and other singouts—easy to carry, hang and store.

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

Treasurer's Report: We have enough in the treasury to pay for May and June directorship. Then we need to make some money on our fundraisers.

Claire requested that anyone purchasing items for the chorus use our tax-exempt forms, since we are non-profit. We need not pay tax, and it would save us some money over the year. If you need a tax-exempt form, or you need Claire to make the purchase on your behalf, please let her know.

Ad Hoc: JoycePalmer reported that no one had approached her this month with specific concerns.

Fundraising: Committee is resuming a push on publicizing upcoming events. Several suggestions have been made for new ideas for chorus exposure. The committee will explore a new venue for the Whale of a Sale next year. Daisy had ap-

proached the Elks to see whether or not they would be interested in joining together to work on WOS. The Elks declined. Other groups such as the men's barbershop chorus will be approached to see if they are interested in partnering with the Chimes.

Corresponding Secretary: Cayuga Chimes tri-fold needs a border; more recent photos still needed if possible.

Director: The new Chimes logo is in the works. Former member Liz Woods has been working on a concept which is close to completion.

Sectional rehearsals will resume Monday May 4th, beginning with baritones, at Eric's 368 Main St., Newfield.

## AUNT ABIGAIL'S ADVICE

*Cousin Tillie and I were gossipin' on the phone the other day when she started a-tellin' me that she decided that next week she might commence to start to begin to get started on her spring cleanin'. I told her that would be quite a sight as she hasn't touched a broom for 10 years! How about that "country cousin Tillie" of yours...I'll bet she's got more goodies hidden away in her attic and cellar than you can shake a stick at, or fer that matter, even a dust mop. Don't take my word fer it, just start diggin' around. You could be surprised at what might come a-swimmin' out for the Whale of a Sale.*

*That's my advice.*