

Minutes of the Western Mass. Sacred Harp Convention meeting of 12/7/00

1. Opening Songs - 318, 121, 285, 229, 274

2. Opening Words from Cath Oss

The meeting was called to order. Ms. Oss confirmed the date for the 3rd Western Mass. Sacred Harp Convention to be March 10, 11.

3. Group Discussion

It was agreed upon that one of the groups goals for this convention was to make efforts to extend a feeling of welcome-ness and helpfulness to new-comers and less experienced singers at the convention.

It was also decided that the singing school the morning of the convention should be kept to an hour to an hour and a half or until the first break. It was general consensus that it should be taught by a singing master from New England. Tim Erikson offered to teach the lesson.

It was also decided that singing schools in the area should begin immediately so as not to cram five schools in the month before the convention. It was agreed that a group should be formed to deal with the finer points of organizing the schools. Laura Timmerman and Allison Scholfield offered to spearhead this group.

The committees for the convention were then discussed. For more information on the committees and participation, call Phill Wisor at 413-339-5599.

A new amendment was then passed

In the event that an officer, or committee chair, cannot or will not continue in their position, the Chair will appoint an appropriate replacement.

4. Closing Songs - 131, 211, 399T, 82T, 444, 306, 208, 338, 182, 288, 453, 353, 320, 434, 185

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