

**Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Community, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors**

Regular Meeting  
November 05, 2013 at 9:29PM

Helen Hills Hills Chapel- Lounge  
123 Elm Street  
Northampton, MA 01063

Directors Present: C. Andrews                      E. Cavanugh   J. Galvagni  
                                 M. Leger-Small                      L. Shea

Directors Absent:    None

**Actions**

**A.** On October 15, 2013, the Board considered a request via email to authorize the organization of a singing school to be taught by Peter Irvine for a fee of \$150.

VOTED To authorize a singing school to be taught by Peter Irvine for a fee of \$150. Voted by written consent with all Directors responding in favor, none opposed, and none abstaining.

**B.** On October 22, 2013 the Board appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee: Eliza Cavanaugh, Sasha Hsuczyk, and Sally Langendorf.

**C.** The Board discussed the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 5, 2013 and the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 28, 2013 . The Board briefly discussed the style of the minutes.

VOTED To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 5, 2013 and May 28, 2013 as prepared. Voted all in favor, none opposed, and none abstaining.

**D.** Andrews gave a financial report. She noted that WMSHC's financial condition had not significantly changed since the last meeting with assets totalling just over \$12,000. She noted that WMSHC had purchased five boxes of books (four Sacred Harp, one Shenandoah Harmony). She noted that WMSHC's money market account has entered its rollover period. She asked if there was interest in shopping around for a different security instrument. The Board agreed by consensus to reinvest the money in a similar instrument.

Cavanaugh asked if the idea of an enhanced membership drive had been realized. Shea volunteered to draft an email to the WMSHC list offering gifts such as CDs and prints for donations at certain amounts.

**E.** The Board discussed the upcoming annual meeting. Cavanaugh delivered the nominations committee report.

The committee has confirmed the following nominees:

Chair:	Molly Merrit	Directors:	Christine Andrews
Vice-Chair:	Sasha Hsuczyk		Linda Shea
Secretary:	Cheri Hardy, Maggie Shar		Wendy Sibbison

The Board discussed other possible candidates, many of whom had been approached but had declined to run.

The Board discussed the logistics of hosting the convention at Helen Hills Hills Chapel. Andrews noted that the price for the space, at \$400 for the weekend, would be significantly lower than our previous space. The Board discussed the ways in which the savings in rental costs could be used to address some of the concerns about hosting at the chapel including: (1) providing some form of transportation for people with limited mobility between the singing space and dining space; (2) hiring a consultant or caterer to act as food coordinator at the student center, freeing singers to remain at the singing; and (3) using funds to ensure that there is enough food for both days of the convention. The Directors expressed their intention to take an active role in preparation for the convention in support of the Chair.

#### **F. Other Business.**

Shea asked if certain suggestions she had for the improvement of the arranging process at the convention and possible adjustments to the Sunday schedule should be added to the agenda of the annual meeting. The consensus was that the suggestions could be referred directly to the Chair.

Cavanaugh noted that the Directors could improve their communication with the membership and with each other citing the length of time it took for the minutes of the meetings in February and May to be finally edited and approved. Leger-Small was asked to send the approved minutes to Sheldon Finlay to be published on the website.

The Board determined that Leger-Small would take the membership lists and other WMSHC material after the annual meeting.

Leger-Small noted that he will send an email to the list with the nominations as soon as the candidate statements are submitted and would also handle absentee ballots.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Shea adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Leger-Small  
Clerk