



SD-ACDA General Membership Meeting  
3:00 PM Friday, August 4th, 2023, Augustana

3:12 Denise Perry called the meeting to order.

I. Role Call:

- a. *Jen Loftin, Hayes Chohon, Brittany Poto, Jamee Kattner, Lauren Kattner, Melissa Fikse, Amy Hofer Vetch, Jenn Richards, Shawn Stemsrud, Laure Gratz, Taysia Aasen, Melanie Brink, Jon Mattheis, Kathy Sundvold, Rose Comp, Mary Schuh, Nick Engbers, Jon Nero, Gerrit Scheepers, Miriam Schwen, Melledy Rostad, Jenna Hansen, Molly Charlsen, Susan Appl, Ann Deckert, Teresa Decker, Trey?, Laura Diddle, Candice Voreye, Lorena Blom, Carsen Corey, Chris Jacobson, John Perez, Bernard Van Moer, Janice Gilbert, Shane Wuebben, Jacob Noordermeer, Kari Owens, Kaye Waltner, Laurie Torbert, Bart Torbert, Denise Perry*

II. Minutes

- a. *Hayes Chohon makes a motion to approve. Taysia seconds. All approve.*

III. Treasurer's Report: Shane Wuebben

- a. *JHC update*  
b. *Past year was a wash.*  
c. *Budget for next year is significantly negative. Combined a loss of -\$10,000*  
d. *Roughly \$56,000 in checking account.*  
e. *Has asked the Board to start thinking about how to make changes and save some money.*  
f. *No changes are being made regarding cost of conferences for this year.*  
g. *Look for the budget online, next week.*  
h. *Funds are going towards student initiatives, tentatively planning for a regional conference reception.*  
i. *The board approved the budget.*  
j. *Melledy moves to approve the report. John Perez seconds. All approve.*

IV. Junior Honor Choir Update

- a. *Go to JHC webpage to find information.*  
b. *Opus "How-To" video available.*  
c. *Audition information will be live when the venue has been confirmed.*  
d. *October 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day to submit audition.*  
e. *Order copies of the Handel ahead of time to have on hand for audition.*  
f. *Considering a change for the attire.*
  - *Previously black pants, and a bright colored shirt.*
    - *Students coming with lighter colors, or pastel stuff. Not bright.*
  - *Talking about providing students with concert attire.*
- g. *Fee might be around \$175.*  
h. *Remind parents to read the instructions correctly.*

V. Conferences & Honor Choirs

- a. *Winter SD-ACDA conference and Jr. High Honor Choir*
  - *January 19 & 20 in Sioux Falls*
  - *Update from Janice*
    - *Colton Blake, Clinician, Texas based. Highly recommend.*

*#TheChoirGuy. Specializes in MS T/B voices.*

- *Evening Concerts at United Methodist Church*
  - *Looking for performing groups*
  - *Google Form for sign-ups with basic questions*
  - *Variety preferred.*
- *Conference taking place at the Sheraton*
  
- b. *Regional ACDA conference is in Omaha, Nebraska from February 7-10*  
*“Reflect - Rejuvenate - Rejoice”*
  - *4 Honor Choirs (Elementary 4th-6th, Middle School 6th-9th, High School Treble 9th-12th, High School Tenor Bass 9th – 12th)*
  - *Audition info on Midwestern Region site - orange button in top right corner*
  - *Auditions open from August 30 - September 27*
  - *Hoping to have a social for SD-ACDA*
  - *The Board will be putting together a letter to send to admin encouraging them to send choral directors to the conference, especially because it is so close to us.*
  - *Watch for emails from ACDA.*

## VI. Membership Update

- a. *160 members (up 10 from 2022)*
  - *Consistent for the last few years.*
  - *Jacob and Lorena will be pushing the FB page.*
  - *Encourage those around you involved in choir and get them plugged in with ACDA.*
  - *Sing Up! Initiative this year. Complimentary memberships will be available.*
    - *Student members, new members, etc.,*
  - *ACDA is starting an auto-renewal process*
- b. *Project 360*
  - *June 8<sup>th</sup> Denise and Bart attended the Leadership training via Zoom and Project 360 was mentioned.*
    - *Beginning phases.*
    - *Goal is to help members beyond the conferences and honor choirs.*
    - *How are we serving membership in other ways throughout the rest of the year?*
    - *R&R chairs are getting more involved.*
    - *Trying to help in addition to the day-to-day.*

## VII. Additional Items

- a. *Jacob challenged us to reach out to members of SD-ACDA to keep the dialogue going because networking is so important.*
- b. *SF Beer Choir, Bart Torbert*
  - *Once a month, get together, sing fun songs, have a drink or not. Enjoy People.*
- c. *Please watch for 2 surveys from Denise.*
- d. *Senior Honor Choir Updates*
  - *2024 dates are locked in. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Choir.*
    - *Alumni Choir is open to the ACDA Membership to sing with the Reunion Choir.*
    - *2 grad credits available for attending the conference and singing with the Alumni choir.*
  - *2025 Honor Choir will be July 20 – 25*
    - *Struggling with enough students auditioning*

*Janice makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:49, Shane seconds. All Approve.*

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