The San Antonio Liederkranz

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 7:00 pm

**Officers Present:**

Raleigh Brotherman---President

Tony Lang---Vice President

David Gray---Treasurer

Tom Jaeckle---Past President

Chris Filippi—Director at Large

Ken Martinez---Director at Large

Ed Weber---Membership Chairman

Doris Graham---Associate Member Representative

**Officers Absent:**

Tom Ewing---Music Director

Ben Buecker---Director at Large

Paul Kissling---Director at Large

President Brotherman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at St. Joseph Hall and offered the “Hail Mary” prayer to begin.

**MINUTES:**

 - Ken Martinez made a motion to approve the Minutes for the May 2023 Board Meeting as written, Tony Lang seconded, it was approved by the Board.

**TREASURER’S REPORT & DISCUSSION:**

* David Gray reported for the month of May the total amount of income was $1,824.81 and outgoing expenses from several expense accounts (including advertising $330, Summer concert $236, Licenses and permits $290, NASB annual dues $90, Misc rider expense to Houston $80, rent St. Joseph $240, Post office Box rental $226, Director fees $500, Asst. Director $125, Accompanist $550, Bus fare $50) amounted to $2,717.00 for a difference of
* -$892.19.
* Assets for May total $173,117.34, Liabilities 0 and Equity $175,465.71 with retained losses of $2,348.37 for a total of $173,117.34 in Liabilities and Equity.
* A breakdown for the Spring Concert is as follows: Admission Revenue so far $2,485.00, expenses include program and ticket printing of $1,040.35 for a net income of $1,444.65.

 - Raleigh Brotherman thanked David and made the motion to approve the treasurer’s report,

 Ken Martinez seconded, the report was approved by the board.

**CALENDAR REVIEW:**

 - Ed Weber confirmed the date for the Mass at St. Mark’s The Evangelist Catholic Church. Father Dennis agreed for the Mass to be held on August 6, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Ed Weber and Tom Ewing will get together with the Music Director “Josh” to go over the selection of music. Dress code to be gray jackets with SAL logo. After mass is their Hospitality event at the Church hall.

 - Raleigh reminded the Board of the Mass at Castroville for the St. Louis Fest on August 20 at 9:30 am.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

 - Tony Lang expressed his thanks for the help with the Spring Concert, mainly Ken Martinez for suggesting the venue and the ad and also Robin for a great layout of the program.

 - Tom Jaeckle gave feedback that his family mentioned that the acoustic at the Church was great. He also mentioned that a sign/arrow was needed to guide people to the side entrance of the church, since the main door was closed.

 - Raleigh Brotherman asked if the Liederkranz should cancel the Spring Concert in the future, but Ken and other members said that it was part of the Liederkranz presence and to keep it, maybe at a different date in the future.

 - Ed Weber mentioned that it was hard on the membership because of the scheduling of the concert, with the Staatssängerfest in Houston and the National Sängerfest in Wisconsin all together at about the same time. No decision was made.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 - Ken Martinez proposed singing at St. Ann during Saturday evening Mass as thanks for letting us use their facility for the Spring concert. Originally Ken proposed September 30, but per the Board discussion, the date is too close to 4th Sunday. Ken will discuss other dates with Fr. Ricardo and staff and get back to the Board.

 - Tony brought more items from the storage facility. He mentioned that there were 8 bins of beads, 2 boxes of tablecloths, 30 bins of decorations (like garlands and Christmas lights), and 28 carafes. Ken Martinez suggested giving the decorations to St. Joseph Hall. Tony also brought old attendance folders, songbooks and wooden block stamps. It was discussed that Members need to sort through the bins and make a decision on what items to keep. Tony mentioned that Tom Ewing agreed to look through the old music folders and songbooks some time during summer.

 - The storage of the Piano was discussed. Currently it is at St. Joseph Hall and Mike mentioned that it is difficult to clean the corner. As items are discarded from the storage facility, Tony indicated that there will be room for the piano. Ed Weber also mentioned that there may come a time when the SAL trailer cannot be stored at his property. As a long term solution the Board discussed building a storage facility adjacent to St. Joseph Hall. But Tom Jaeckle and Raleigh Brothermann mentioned that they need to first find out if the current tenant will be permanent for the building. It was decided to wait, plus City of San Antonio ordinance rules must be consulted.

 - Rob Jenkins’ position was discussed, Ed Weber asked if SAL could give him a raise. He heard rumors that Rob may move, Ken Martinez has listed Rob’s house for sale. The new organist at St. Joseph may be asked to play with SAL.

 - SAL still has no venue for the Christmas concert, Gary Cook is currently on vacation.

 Tom Jaeckle suggested to the Board to contact High Schools in San Antonio and see if their auditoriums would be available and check the price. Some Board members mentioned that some schools may object to sacred and Christmas music and no alcoholic beverages would be served. Tom Jaeckle offered to do some research. Raleigh also mentioned the Blessed Sacrament Church may be a possibility.

 - Regarding the Christmas party: Irene Kissling told Doris Graham that she wants to organize the Christmas party again and Doris Graham has offered her help.

 - Tony Lang suggested digitizing the CDs into thumb drives since the sale of the CDs has slowed down. Doris Graham mentioned that concert goers always ask if we have new recordings since most already have the ones that are currently available.

 - Tony Lang wants the list of membership kept current with the help of Doris Graham, Irene Kissling and David Gray. David will update the payments received and suggested we use Pivot Tables to be able to have an accurate account of membership status and payments.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** None.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT:** Ed Weber reported he has 2 possible new singers, one of the two contacted him after the Spring concert.

 - Ed was asked by former member Bill Riebe if the choir would sing at his funeral. The Board agreed and it was suggested that he may make a donation.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT:** No additional comments.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** (9:00 pm) Raleigh Brotherman (introduces), Tony Lang (seconded), passed. The president closed the meeting with the “Our Father” prayer.

Respectfully submitted June 19, 2023 by Doris Graham