



Board of Directors Meeting  
The San Antonio Liederkranz  
August 17, 2017

Members Present:

Mark Mueller	President	Thomas Jaeckle	Vice President
Ted Villalon	Secretary	Paul Aschbacher	Treasurer
Thomas Ewing	Musical Director	Raleigh Brotheman	Member at large
Todd Keller	Member at large		

Members Absent:

Barbara Heckmann	Associate Member	Poohbah	Ken Martinez	Member at large
Tony Lang	Member at large		Gary Cook	Past President

Also Attending:

Ed Weber                      Membership Director

The meeting was opened by President Mueller at 7:16 PM. In his opening remarks, he mentioned that we had a great turnout for Dutch Hutsell's funeral yesterday morning (Wednesday, August 16, 2017). Approximately 40 men, both the SAL and the Beethoven Maennerchor, showed up to sing. Also, a check on behalf of the family was sent to the SAL.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Tom Jaeckle and seconded by Todd Keller to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. This motion was approved by the BOD.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mark reported that we are withholding the final payment to the Tobin Center as we have not yet received the final recording.

Paul reported that we have \$ 18,723.21 in our checking account. We had to dip into our USAA investments in order to cover our Anniversary Concert expenses, including higher than expected program cost.

Mark and Paul will work on an income and expense report.

Paul will give an investment account report at the next meeting.

The SAL gave a small subsidy to the Staats Fest event. It was noted that the venues are getting to be more expensive.

#### **CALENDAR REVIEW:**

The Mount Calvary concert is continuing as scheduled. Mark mentioned that Art Wendt is pleased with the musical selections.

As of now, the meal is scheduled before the concert, which could present a problem. The club also needs to coordinate the concert program with Mount Calvary. The club also needs to coordinate the concert program with Mount Calvary. Mark will discuss these issues with the pastor.

The Meyer Family Mass is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018. This would be a paid event for the SAL. Discussion ensued because the club is scheduled to sing at St. Joseph's two days later, for Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, which is also the fourth Sunday of March. The SAL will also be singing the next Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, which is Easter Sunday.

It was decided to ask the club about singing on Friday, March 23, 2018, instead of Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. We would drop Palm Sunday and still sing on Easter Sunday.

The Gebirgs Fest is scheduled for September 23, 2018. Fourth Sunday is the next day. The SAL needs to place an ad in the program, preferably using our anniversary logo.

The SAL will host next year's Gebirgs. Mark Mueller will confer with Linda Coker (Beethoven Damenchor) about lessons learned from the 2017 event.

Trip mentioned the Whitley Center at the Oblate School of Theology as a possible Gebirgs venue in September 2018.

The proposed October 14, 2017 Army Residence Community concert conflicts with the last day of Beethoven's Oktoberfest. Our joint members, including our music director, would be unable to attend. A better date might be January 20, 2018, after the busy Christmas season. Mark will contact Jill Miller at the ARC with the proposal.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Fred Pfeiffer will be giving the club many photographs from the June concert.

Mark, Tom Ewing, and Tony Lang need to confer with Father Mario about the Jubilee Mass. We need to get invitations to the Mass out to priests associated with St. Joseph's.

The SAL will buy flowers for the sanctuary.

Discussion began about the SAL possibly buying a piano or an electronic keyboard for the new hall. This will be discussed at the meeting with Father Mario.

Mark is meeting weekly with Mark Willis, the Christmas concert chairman. More information will be forthcoming.

CTSA- Liz Ruiz interviewed Tom Ewing and Mark. The choir is singing in the background. CTSA is going to air a half hour program on the SAL.

Mark mentioned a possible fundraising event for CTSA, a "Catholics Got Talent" show featuring choirs from across the Archdiocese.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nest year's Staatsfest, May 5 and 6, 2018, will be held in Houston. A suggestion was made for a joint bus with Beethoven to go to the event.

Ed Weber, the membership chairman, reported good participation at the past few rehearsals, averaging around 40 singers. He also mentioned that Bill Riebe will be needing a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gold pin. These pins are expensive. A gold-plated pin might be an alternative.

Ed also mentioned a commemorative mug that could be sold at the Anniversary Mass and Christmas concert. He showed the BOD some mug options. Tom Jaeckle made the motion to order 72 of the smaller mugs. Trip seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the BOD.

Discussion began about the SAL's trailer. Should it be repaired or replaced. Ed gave an estimate of \$1500.00 to paint our current trailer. However, the current trailer is difficult to load and unload. Tom Jaeckle did an analysis (see attachment) determining that the SAL needs a five feet by 5 feet by seven feet trailer. Ed has made inquiries and estimates \$3000.00 for a new trailer. He will continue investigating new trailer options.

Ed also reminded the BOD that nominations for the next slate of officers is coming up in November.

#### **MUSICAL DIRECTOR:**

Tom Ewing said that the SAL has a lot of work to do as we are entering the Christmas practice season. There will be a Christmas concert planning meeting on Monday, August 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Hall.

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBER DIRECTOR:**

No report.

#### **FINAL COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:**

Ed said that the SAL needs to continue to recruit new members. We should give him names and he will follow up.

Trip made a motion, seconded by Tom Jaeckle, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted J Villalon  
SAL Secretary

