The July 2017 Board of Directors’ Meeting of the San Antonio Liederkranz was held at St. Joseph’s Hall on Thursday, July 13, 2017. Members present were:

President Mark Mueller Vice President Tom Jaeckle

Secretary Ted Villalon Treasurer Paul Aschbacher

Past President Gary Cook Member at Large Tony Lange

Member at Large Todd Keller Member at Large Ken Martinez

Associate Member Barbara Heckmann Member at Large Raleigh Brotherman

Board members absent:

Musical Director Tom Ewing

Additionally, Rob Jenkins, Acting Musical Director was present.

Mark Mueller opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:10 PM.

**LAST MEETING’S MINUTES:**

The reading of the last meeting’s minutes was dispensed of based on a motion by Gary Cook, a second by Todd Keller, and by voice vote of the BOD.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Our bank balance is $10,529.69 and payments due amount to $23,994.70. These are mostly expenses related to the Tobin Anniversary Concert. Paul has seen no beverage bill as of yet.

Paul met with Frank Gebhardt who is still nominally in charge of many financial things, including access the SAL’s USAA accounts. The club needs to withdraw $25,000 out of our investment accounts to cover the Anniversary expenses and the upcoming year. This would give the club a projected $12,900.00 balance in the checking account.

Discussion began about unexpected expenses from the Tobin concert. Frank is the only person on the USAA accounts. Mark Mueller , Thomas Jaeckle, and Paul Aschbacher need to be on the account as well. A motion to do so was made by Todd, seconded by Gary, and approved by the BOD.

Tom Jaeckle mentioned that a circular seal needs to be affixed to any documents to be forwarded to the bank.

**CALENDAR REVIEW:**

August 20, St. Louis Day Mass at Castroville. After some discussion, Ken made the motion that we wear our anniversary polo shirts and khaki “Dockers” style pants for the event. This was seconded by Tom and approved by the BOD.

September 17. The Mount Calvary Lutheran Church concert is definite. The contract is signed. Tom Ewing and the pastor will work on the song program.

March 23, 2018 is the date of the Meyer Family Mass. The SAL has been invited to sing. The date is very near the Fourth Sunday Mass on March 25. The SAL will also be singing the following Sunday, April 1st (Easter 2018). Gary motioned that this event be taken to the membership. Tom seconded it and the motion was approved by the BOD.

Possible Army Residence Community Concert. The SAL might sing at the ARC on a Saturday vigil mass followed by a small concert. The best date is October 14, 2017, before we get too close to the Christmas season. Gary made a motion to send the October 14th date to the membership. Raleigh seconded the motion and it was passed by the BOD.

Mark led a discussion about a possible Liturgical Sängerfest to help raise money to update the equipment for Catholic Television of San Antonio. Several church choirs could sing. Tickets would be sold and the concert could be recorded for a later CD.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mark suggested that we post the Anniversary program on the SAL website. We will need to update and correct information as needed.

Jeanie did a great job with publicity. Discussion ensued about whether she be kept on retainer or be hired as needed.

Mark Willis is the chairman of the upcoming Christmas Concert. Mark Mueller suggested that we need to sell ads as insets (“stuffers”) to the concert program.

Mark Mueller moved the discussion to lessons learned from the summer concert.

Door prizes were eliminated due to the difficulty of dealing with three floors of patrons in a timely manner.

Some members were unaware that the Tobin had two levels of dressing rooms. Perhaps dressing rooms can be assigned in any future Tobin events.

The final invoice for the Tobin is $10, 253.05, including about $6000.00 of union labor.

Due to a lack of manpower, no CD sales were done at the Tobin concert and the SAL missed out on some revenue.

Kudos was given to Janice Weber and the other ladies who stepped up to oversee lobby activities. Their actions were vital to a successful concert.

Attire and conduct was well done by the club.

“In kind” donations to the ladies’ reception were able to help cover costs.

Discussion of insurance is deferred to a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ken asked if associate members can join and pay dues online. Perhaps a virtual store can be created on the SAL website, using Paypal. Mark said there might be copyright issues concerning any music that the club sells.

Mark mentioned that an exchange student placement service contacted the SAL, looking for host families. We should disseminate this information by letter and on our website.

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:**

Due to Tom Ewing’s European journey, Rob Jenkins, our pianist and acting director spoke.

He asked if a portable instrument, an electronic keyboard, is available for the SAL.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Barbara thanked all involved for a beautiful concert.

**OPEN ITEM:**

We are unable to get the names of injured patrons from the Tobin due to privacy issues. Our intent was to reach out to them.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary and seconded by Trip. The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted J Villalon

Secretary