

## REC Meeting Summary

January 7, 2018 6 PM EST (5 PM CST)

**Attending:** Natalie Allen, Bev Miller, Sue Pelley  
Sharon Terrell, REC Secretary  
Beverly Miller, Finance Coordinator

1. **Website update:** Work has started to move the regional web page from Connected Sound to Groupanizer. Groupanizer cannot handle payments so links to registration sites that need payment options will be posted on Groupanizer. Groupanizer will be the only site that members will need to find all regional information.
2. **Resource Team appointments for 2018:** – Jeanne Delahunty has been selected as the Communications Coordinator, which was the only position that we needed to change for next year. No need to have an Appointments Advisory Committee appointed at this time.
3. **Convention items:**
  - Steering Committee recommended using Read Photography for 2018 – *REC approved.*
  - Regional Convention information and registration will be available on a special website for 2018, as it has been for several years. Will be a link on Groupanizer in future years.
  - There will NOT be Audience Choice Awards in 2018.
  - In Covington, both hotels offer valet **parking** daily rates. The Embassy has complimentary self-parking. *The Marriott will only provide ONE complimentary exit card PER ROOM each day; no in/out privileges.* This is different than the complimentary parking that we enjoyed in the past at both hotels.
  - The Chorus Briefing will follow the Quartet Briefing on Thursday night. Directors are welcome to attend the Official Inspection and be on stage during the chorus mic-testing.
4. **Budget preparation for 2018 – 2019:**

- There will be a preliminary discussion of the budget at the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> REC meeting; and then a more thorough plan finalized at the February retreat with the whole resource staff.
  - Review of the budget reports as of the end of November shows that the region is over budget. It was noted that events have come in under budget and that some income has not been collected from CAL assessments. The Groupanizer fee was not budgeted, but it was noted that this was a needed expense that will greatly benefit the region.
  - The Young Singers Foundation donation of \$452.26 has been made to the Foundation.
5. **State of our Choruses-**
- Ohio Heartland has a new director.
  - Capital City Chorus is auditioning a prospective new director.
6. **Chapter Standing Rules** - report received and Standing Rules review is again in good shape.
7. **Regional Assessment**
- Beverly Miller requested that we offer the option to pay regional assessments via Pay Pal. - *REC approved.*
  - Lifetime / Legacy member regional assessment discussion:  
 Currently there are 34 members in this category. There is no designation in the membership report as to which of these are members who *purchased* lifetime membership from SAI and who have been given lifetime membership from SAI as they achieved their *50-year member* status.  
  
 The loss of income to the region is \$1360 per year.  
  
 The region has not assessed any members who are in this category.  
  
 The REC is reviewing the impact of this and will reach a decision about assessment in the future by April 1, 2018.

Next meeting: February 4, 2018 6 PM EST/ 5 PM CST

Submitted by

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