

# MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD NEWSLETTER

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## October 2007

Executive Board Meeting – Thursday, October 18, 2007, 6:15 PM, First Pres, Koinonia Room

General Meeting – Thursday, October 18, 2007, 7:00 PM, First Pres Lynn Hall

MIT Meeting – Thursday, October 18, 2007 Following the General Meeting, First Pres Lynn Hall

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The first meeting of the year was great! Thank you all for sending in nominations for Pres Elect and Finance Pres Elect! I would like to again encourage all Senior Guild members to have 3 meetings attended before the Senior Presentation. Remember that all Guild members must attend 3 general meetings to stay in good standing with the Guild.

Thanks,

Jan St.Hilaire

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### **MINUTES FROM THE MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD GENERAL MEETING**

#### **First United Methodist Church**

#### **September 20, 2007**

- I. Welcome: President Jan St. Hilaire welcomed everyone to the first Midland Symphony Guild General Meeting of the 2007-2008 year at 12:02 p.m. The Midland Symphony Guild proudly celebrates 45 years of services to the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale. Jan encouraged all senior moms to get their three General Meeting credits in before Gala weekend.
- II. Introduction: Lindsey Forrest, the MOSC Marketing Director, addressed the group. She reminded everyone that the Flex pass is for claiming pre-purchased tickets and that you need to call the MOSC office for reservations to attend a specific concert.
- III. Because people were still checking in for the General Meeting, Jan waited 10 minutes to call the meeting to order. At 12:12 p.m., President Jan St. Hilaire called the meeting to order. The Minutes from the April 19, 2007 General Meeting were approved.
- IV. President Report: Jan stated that we do not have a President Elect nor do we have a Vice President of Finance Elect. Everyone should have received pink and yellow slips of paper to write down either their name or the name of someone who would be good at these positions. If we don't get a President Elect by December 1, we may not have a Gala weekend.
- V. Executive Board Reports:
  - A. Belle VP: Elizabeth Burleson said that the Belles are doing great. We only had 10 Belles that did not show up for their Septemberfest assignments. Pictures are scheduled for October 14. Seniors need to wear a long dress (not necessarily their presentation dress), juniors need to wear a church dress, and freshmen need to wear their white Belle dress with shoes, pearls and gloves.
  - B. Community VP: No report.
  - C. Financial VP: Jan said the finances are shown in the latest Newsletter.
  - D. Membership VP: Jan stated that we have 320 Active Members / MIT's and we have 80 Patron Members, so we are 400 adult volunteers strong.
  - E. Project VP: Jan reported that the Project Committee is up and running. There are still a number of positions open on the Project Committee which include: cleanup, chaperones, decorations, coat check, finance, RSVP's, telephone, fashion show, honor-a-belle, programs, and senior presentation.
  - F. Corresponding Secretary: No report.
  - G. Recording Secretary: No report.
- VI. Board Reports:
  - A. Belle VP Elect: No report.
  - B. Concert Hospitality: Mary Gorski said the first concert was Saturday, September 15. The concert was at Mid-Cities church and about 700 were in attendance. The concert hospitality tried to serve food at a reception, but the area available was far too congested for that many people. Mary does not think we will be able to have food at future Masterworks concerts if they are held at Mid-Cities unless we can use their reception hall. The receptions will continue to be held at Chamber series concerts.
  - C. Guild Arrangements: Alison Peeler asked people to call her if they need any special arrangements for the facilities, like extra tables. Alison encouraged everyone to thank members of First Presbyterian Church and First Methodist Church for graciously allowing us to use their facilities for our meetings.
  - D. Mailing: No report.

- E. Member-In-Training: Nancy Dunnam said the MIT's had their first meeting and future meeting dates are listed in the Newsletter. Cathy Norwood said we have 52 MIT's. Those that need to send their contracts in can send them to Jami Haest.
  - F. Newsletter: No report.
  - G. Nominating: Jenni Willis said we still have some positions to fill.
  - H. Symphony Office: Anne Robertson said we are in good shape for the next meeting.
  - I. Table Top: Carla Holeva told everyone to mark their calendars for October 23-24 for the Table Top fundraiser. It will be at Green Tree Country Club. Invitations will not be mailed to MSG members to save money, but you can pick up a copy of the invitation on the back tables today. We still need models for the fashion show and we need some members, even MIT's, to help with registration. Carla had her committee stand to be recognized.
  - J. Tickets: No report.
  - K. Web Page: Susan Nichols encouraged everyone to check out the MSG website located at [midlandsg.com](http://midlandsg.com). It has general information and a "Members Only" section with the current yearbook. This area is password protected and can be accessed with User Name (\*\*\*\*) and Password (\*\*\*\*).
  - L. Yearbook: Jan said we will have the yearbooks at the next meeting.
- VII. Old and New Business: Jan said everyone should have received a postcard with an invitation to come to the MOSC Chambers Series concert on September 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mid-cities Church. It will feature the Chihuahua Symphony presenting a "Salute to Mexico". Jan also reviewed upcoming concerts. Our next Board Meeting and General Meeting will be on Thursday, October 18.
- VIII. Adjournment: Jan St. Hilaire adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.  
 Recorded by Lois Folger, Corresponding Secretary

**YEARBOOK NEWS FROM THE YEARBOOK COM MITTEE**

Yearbooks will be available at the October 18 meeting. Thanks to DeLayne Wellen and Jeannie Raglin

**FROM THE SYMPHONY OFFICE COMMITTEE**

The Symphony Office Committee will be providing lunch for the MOSC Board at their monthly meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the committee members for their time and support.

Anne Robertson,  
 Symphony Office Chair

**BELLE NEWS**

Belle pictures – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Claydesta (use south door).  
 Seniors 3:00 PM, wear long dress or Presentation dress  
 Juniors 2:30 PM wear a church dress  
 Freshmen 1:45 PM Wear Belle dress with white shoes, pearls, gloves.

**Remind your belles it is their responsibility to show up for their assignments or have a substitute there in her place.**

Belle Books will be mailed as soon as they are printed.  
 Thanks to Sam Hollis for your patience and great pictures of our Belles!  
 Elizabeth Burlison, Belle Vice President

## 2007-2008 MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD MEETINGS

All meetings are on Thursdays

### **Executive Board Meetings**

October 18, 2007 6:15 PM – First Pres Koinonia  
November 8, 2007 Noon - First Pres Parlor  
December 2007 – No Meeting  
January 17, 2008 6:15 PM – First Pres Koinonia  
February 7, 2008 Noon Joint Board & General Meeting at the Midland Center – Gala Site for 2008!  
March 6, 2008 Noon – First Pres Koinonia  
April 17, 2008 6:15 PM – First Pres Koinonia  
May 8, 2008 Noon, turn over notebooks to new Board  
First Presbyterian Church on A Street and Texas  
First United Methodist Church on Main and Ohio

### **General Membership Meetings**

October 18, 2007 7:00 PM - First Pres Lynn Hall  
November 15, 7:00 PM – First Pres Lynn Hall  
December 2007, No Meeting  
January 17, 2008 7:00 PM - First Pres Lynn Hall  
March 13, 2008 Noon – First Meth  
April 17, 2008 7:00 PM –First Pres Lynn Hall  
Members may attend Board Meeting

### MIT Meetings:

Thursday, October 18, following General Meeting

Thursday, January 17, following General Meeting

MIT Chair: Jami Haest, Cathy Norwood: [cnorwood@tshickman.com](mailto:cnorwood@tshickman.com)

### TABLE TOP FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Carla Holeva – Chair [hol3@suddenlink.net](mailto:hol3@suddenlink.net)

Tickets are still available for the 2007 Tabletops Fundraiser.

Greentree Country Club

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Preview Party 7-9pm \$25 per person

Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Luncheon 11:00 am – 1:00 PM \$50 per person

Call Carla Holeva at 683-6959 for more information or for tickets.

On behalf of the Tabletop committee and all the members of MSG, a special thanks to Jan St. Hilaire for underwriting

The invitations to Tabletops 2007.

### Upcoming MOSC Concerts:

October 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM Chorale Concert Odessa, First Methodist

October 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM Chorale Concert Midland, St.Luke's

October 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM West Texas Winds, Midland, Midland College

October 28, 2007 at 2:00 PM West Texas Winds, Odessa, Jack Rodgers Auditorium at Odessa College

November 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM Masterworks II, Mid-Cities Community Church

### BELLE SERVICE INFORMATION

Belles – You are doing a great job showing up at your placements!

Seniors – You should be getting your “bios” for presentation soon.

\* Don't forget! Belle pictures on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Claydesta (use south door)

Freshmen 1:45 PM Wear Belle white dress with white shoes, pearls, gloves.

Juniors 2:30 PM Wear a church dress – photo for 08-09 MOSC Program Booklet

Seniors 3:00 PM Wear long dress or Presentation dress

## **GALA NEWS**

Diamond Gala weekend will be February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Midland Center.

Service placement forms are required to be returned by the November 15<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. Please remember that parts of our membership requirements are to serve a placement for the Gala Fundraiser. Please make your selections from the form OR volunteer to help by chairing a committee.

We are still in desperate need of Decoration and Physical Arrangements Chairpersons. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to do either of these jobs, please contact Carolyn Gilliland at 520-5812 or 413-4176. Email: [gilliland@grande.com](mailto:gilliland@grande.com)

Carolyn Gilliland, Project Vice President

**Midland Symphony Guild**  
**Budget and Outlook**  
**Update as of September 30, 2007**

		<b><u>Proposed Budget 2007-2008</u></b>	<b><u>Actual 2007-2008</u></b>
Revenue	General Dues	\$ 15,055	\$ -
	Belle Committee	\$ 22,100	\$ -
	Table Tops	\$ 10,000	\$ -
	Project Ball	\$ 109,720	\$ -
Expense	General Expenses	\$ 21,790	\$ 11,819
	Belle Committee	\$ 8,550	\$ -
	Table Tops	\$ 7,500	\$ -
	Project Ball	\$ 54,256	\$ 3,500
Net Revenue	General	\$ (6,735)	\$(11,819)
	Belle Committee	\$ 13,550	\$ -
	Table Tops	\$ 2,500	\$ -
	Project Ball	\$ 55,464	\$ (3,500)
		\$ 64,779	\$ (15,319)

Pam Morpew, Financial Vice President