

MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

2007-2008 MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD MEETINGS

All meetings are on Thursdays

Executive Board Meetings

April 17, 2008 6:15 PM – First Pres Koinonia*
May 8, 2008 Noon, turn over notebooks to new Board

General Membership Meetings

March 13, 2008 Noon – First Methodist Fellowship Hall**
April 17, 2008 7:00 PM – First Pres Lynn Hall*
May, Members may attend Board Meeting

*First Presbyterian Church on A Street and Texas

**First United Methodist Church on Main and Ohio

From the President:

A most sincere "thank you" to the Gala Committee for the wonderful Senior Belle and Freshman Belle Presentations! Carolyn Gilliland and her committee should all be thanked for their hard work on these fabulous events.

The Midland Symphony Guild celebrates forty-five years of providing service and fundraising for the Midland-Odesa Symphony and Chorale and with your help, we shall continue for another forty-five years. We, as a membership will need to come together on a number of issues for change in the March and April Board and General Meetings. We hope you'll be there to cast your votes. If you are not an officer on the Board, you may attend the meeting in April but you do not have a voice. All members may cast their votes (with the exception of the Vice President's Elect and Members-In-Training) at the General meetings. We also would like to ask our members to serve as officers on the MSG Board for the membership year 2008-09. We hope that you'll be interested in helping us make positive changes for the future of our organization. Our Midland Symphony Guild continues to be the largest financial and volunteer contributor to the MOSC. Please support the MOSC by attending the concerts and the Vintage Wine Fundraiser for the MOSC on March 27, 2008 at 7PM at the Willows. The MOSC has additional information on their website.

Thank you for your support!

Jan St.Hilaire, MSG President 2007-08

General Meeting Midland Symphony Guild Executive & General Meetings Midland Center – Gala Central February 7, 2008

Call to order: President Jan St. Hilaire called the meeting to order at 12:00 A.M.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Pam Morphew, Mary Gorski seconded, motion passed membership.

Presidents Report: A quorum for the Executive Board is present. Galen Haynes still needs people for the Executive Board next year. The orange sheets need to be returned to Libby Laughlin for placement next year.

Thank you April Anglin and Nancy Cooper for the fabulous decorations for Belle Ball weekend.

We need someone to volunteer to fill the position of Chairman for next year's Senior Presentation.

Practice tonight will require shoes, cell phones off, and Dad's present. Freshman Dad's will be wearing suits and ties and Senior Presentation Dad's will be in tuxedos only.

New member packets should be ready for distribution by March 1, 2008.

President Elect – Galen Haynes

Please sign up for Board positions that are still available. Members can call Galen to volunteer for the remaining positions.

Financial VP – Pam Morphew

We have collected approximately \$104,000 for Gala weekend. We still need to collect the guest money. The budget for next year needs some work.

Membership VP - Libby Laughlin

Please check with me if you need to for your record of meeting attendance. I have my laptop with me today.

Project VP - Carolyn Gilliland

Please sign up for placements for Gala if you haven't yet.

Concert Hospitality – Mary Gorski

This has been a smooth year and thanks go out to Katy Reddell, Dawn Barr, and Cheryl Hightower for all of your help.

Newsletter – Wendy Mathis

February 22, 2008 is the deadline for items to be included in the newsletter. Please send items in Word format or call her.

President - Jan St. Hilaire

Thank you everyone in the Gala group and those doing placements for your work.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Vicky Anwar – Recording Secretary

Belle News from Elizabeth Burleson:

Date change: If you are scheduled to work Midland Festival Ballet it is April 26th & 27th NOT March 26th & 27th. Same place and times just different date. Sorry! If there is, a problem with the date change for you let Elizabeth Burleson or your belle mom know as soon as possible.

JUNIORS: Check on your credits remember you must complete all of your 15 credits by the end of Junior year, in order to be presented next year. If you don't finish at the end of the year you will have to work Septemberfest in September to make up.

Moms if you need extra credit or missing a credit give me a call, I need moms to do sign in's.

Financial Report: Pam Morphew, Co-Finance Vice President

Midland Symphony Guild
Budget and Outlook
Update as of : February 21, 2008

		Approved Budget <u>2007-2008</u>	Actual <u>2007-2008</u>
Revenue	General Dues	\$ 15,050	\$50
	Belle Committee	\$ 22,100	0
	Table Tops	\$ 10,000	\$6,710
	Project Ball	\$109,720	\$75,898
	Interest	\$ 3,600	\$1,033
Expense	General	\$21,790	\$17,152
	Belle Committee	\$ 8,550	\$ 1,659
	Table Tops	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,786
	Project Ball	\$54,256	\$ 63,451
Net Revenue	General	\$ (6,735)	\$ (17,102)
	Belle Committee	\$13,550	\$ (1,659)
	Table Tops	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,924
	Project Ball	\$55,464	\$ 12,447
		\$64,779	\$ (3,390)
Contributions to Symphony:	\$30,000-Website & Chairs		
	\$5,000-Sister City Celebration		
	\$9,000-Youth Choir/Concert Tickets for Students		

Gala Weekend Income/Expense Comparison: Brenda Riley, Co-Finance Vice President

Income	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	Over(Under) Budget	%Difference
Belle Ball Guest Fees	\$10,000.00	\$8925.00		
Prepaid Gala	\$18,000.00	\$21,900.00		
Gala Sponsor, Tickets	\$74,000.00	\$52,175.00		
Brunch Sponsor, Ticks	\$15,000.00	\$9,863.75		
Prepaid Luncheon	\$7,680.00	\$8,040.00		
Senior Program Fee	\$8,540.00	\$7,300.00		
Honor-A-Belle	\$3,000.00	\$1,880.00		
General Donations	\$500.00	\$405.00		
Interest Income	0.00	\$458.70		
Total Income	\$136,720.00	\$110,847.45	(\$25,772.55)	19%
Expenses				
Invites/Letters/Postage	\$12,350.00	\$14,224.48	\$1,874.48	15%
Entertainment	\$8,000.00	\$12,505.20	\$4,505.20	56%
Refresh/Sr.Gifts/Other	\$500.00	\$2,515.80	\$2,015.80	403%
Rentals/Physical Arrang	\$10,310.00	\$11,342.93	\$1,032.93	10%
Sr. & Fr. Food	\$14,500.00	\$16,120.00	\$1,620.00	11%
Decorations	\$4,400.00	\$9,216.06	\$4,816.06	109%
Set Up/Down/Move	\$3,436.00	\$4,450.00	\$1,014.00	30%
Total Expense	\$53,496.00	\$70,374.47	\$16,878.47	32%
Profit	\$83,224.00	\$40,572.98	(\$42,652.02)	-51%

Project Vice President - Carolyn Gilliland:

There are so many people that I would like to thank for the many hours and hard work that helped make Gala Weekend so very special. My committee and I decided at our wrap up meeting last year to try something a little different and have a band, we were all a little hesitant but I am pleased to say that the feed back that we have Received from all the Belles that attended has been positive and they had a great time.

Cindy Smith for working so hard on getting the Senior Bios. DiAnn Koehl and AV Workshops for making such a special video so that we can cherish this memory of our Freshman and Seniors for a lifetime.

Beth Warren for all of the hard work with the entertainment and helping out Friday so that the Senior parents could get ready for the special evening.

Jill Wright, Brenda Riley and Pam Morphey for handling the finances. Leslyn Wallace for helping with the seating arrangements.

Aprile Anglin, Toni Drake, Nancy Cooper, Kim Murphy, Diane Segulja, James Van Stavern and all of the volunteers that worked so hard the week of gala for making the weekend so beautiful. It was breathtaking. The Senior Presentation went very well. The girls were beautiful, the food was delicious and everyone had a great time.

Leslyn Wallace and Kay Maddox for helping with practices for the Freshman and Seniors.

Joell Caldwell for all of the hard work on the Freshman Luncheon. She wanted to change a few things to make it even more special for our Freshman and the parents. Everything turned out beautiful. Barbara Sledge (and all of her staff), and Debbie Spinks for all of the work on the Style Show at the Freshman Luncheon.

Jan St. Hilaire, Billie Young, Mary Howard, April Clay, Vicki Ennis, Anna Ree Downing, Jan Luskey, Lisa Roberts Galen Haynes, and Kathy Longbotham and all of the volunteers that helped with chaperoning, Clean-up, registration, coat check, Senior & Freshman Line-up and Refreshments.

Elizabeth Burlison, Karol Ann Eads, Kendall Clark, Becky Ferguson, and Elizabeth Davenport and all of the Belle Moms for all of their Hard work not just that week but for everything, they do for our girls the whole year.

Thank you all so much for all of your help during the week of gala.

Newsletter Chair: Wendy Mathis: meemathis79@suddenlink.net 687-5537

Thank you to everyone who sent in their newsletter articles promptly - and especially for sending them through "word" format. I am always happy to receive your news – even if by telephone!

Membership Vice President: Libby Laughlin

The 2008-09 Membership Packets will be available at the end of the March General Meeting on 3/13/08 at noon at the First United Methodist Church (Main & Ohio). If you do not pick up your packet after the meeting, you will receive your packet in the mail. The Due Date is April 1st, 2008. The Membership Packets will also be available to download from our website: www.midlandsg.com by Saturday, 3/15/08.

Upcoming MOSC Concerts:

Thursday, March 20, 11:45, Permian Basin String Quartet	Claydesta
Thursday, March 27, 7:00 PM, Vintage Harmony Wine Event	Willows
Saturday, March 29, 7 PM – Masterworks IV Brahms, Bruch & Beethoven	Mid-Cities Church
Saturday, April 19, 7 PM – Pops "Take It to the Limit" tribute to the Eagles	CAF

SYMPHONY HIGH NOTES

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