

Midland Symphony Guild

October Newsletter

From the President:
Galen Haynes

I would like to congratulate and thank all the ladies who have worked so hard on the Tabletop Luncheon this year, especially Tammy McCoulogh on her leadership. We entertained almost two hundred women at the luncheon and enjoyed beautiful tablescapes, food and music from the MOSC at Greentree Country Club. Our next port of call will be the October general meeting.

We have been named the largest Symphony Guild in Texas now, so all those big city girls are looking up to us to show them how the best Guild runs. If anyone would like to do a little extra rowing, please contact Jan St Hilaire because she can always use an hour of your time during the Young Artists' Competition in January. Thank you again for every minute you work for the Guild. You are what makes Midland great!

TASO: The Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras met on Monday, 9/22/08 in Dallas. This is our state wide organization of Symphony supporters who come together for the exchange of ideas and organizational provide assistance for leadership of organizations like the Midland Symphony Guild. At this September meeting the Awards and Projects Competition committee met to choose winning Awards of Excellence, Education, Fundraising and Service Projects. One hundred and ten applications were submitted for the competition.

Table Tops Wrap Up :

The event was spectacular! We had 20 tables designed and a total of 138 tickets sold to the event. Our top 3 tables which were decided by voting at the event were Elisa Manning & Crew, Fleur de Lis Foods and Buffalo Springs Ranch & Lodge.

NYAC: The Midland Symphony Guild will host the 2009 National Young Artist Competition on January 9th and 10th. The competition will award \$10,000 in prizes to the top music students. The competition is open to music students ages 14 - 28 in categories of Strings (including Classical Guitar), Winds, Brass and Percussion. This bi-annual event is a program for the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale and the over-all winner will perform with the MOSC. Next committee meetings will be on Thursday, October 16th following the MSG meeting or Tuesday, October 28th at noon at the Hilton Hotel for a Dutch treat luncheon.

Members In Training:

The next MIT meeting will be immediately following the General meeting Thursday, October 16th at 7PM.

The meeting is held at the First Presbyterian Church.

Senior Belle Picture:

We will begin taking formal portraits for the program on Wednesday, November 5th. Times will be available on weekdays and evenings and on two Saturdays. CALL EARLY FOR

APPOINTMENT! (There is NO Charge) Sam Hollis Studio hours are Tuesday - Thurs 10AM - 5:30 PM, Friday 10AM - 1 PM.
Call 684-4343 Today.

Senior Biographies will be due in November. Start getting your thoughts together NOW. More info to follow. Stay tuned !

Membership News

Please email any address changes or information changes to Libby Laughlin at gr8mom87@grandecom.net

Current class enrollments:

Seniors: 51

Juniors: 66

Sophomores: 73

Freshman: 54

8th graders: 54

Total of 298 girls

MIT's: 45 (40 8th graders, 2 freshman, 3 sophomores)

Active Parents: 225 + 45 MIT's = 270

Minutes from the September 18th General Meeting

The Midland Symphony Guild

General Meeting

September 18, 2008

- I. President Galen Haynes called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Galen Haynes introduced herself as the President of the Midland Symphony Guild.
- III. There were no minutes to approve.
- IV. President Galen Haynes welcomed everyone to the first Midland Symphony Guild General Meeting of the year. Galen announced that we now have a Newsletter Chairman but we still need 2-3 women for Tabletops. If you are interested, please see Galen after the meeting.
- V. Galen Haynes introduced the Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale (MOSC) Director Diane Hilbert. Diane Hilbert said this was her 2nd year with MOSC. Ms. Hilbert explained that although MSG members have purchased MOSC tickets, they will not be sent Flex passes. Instead, if you wish to attend a concert, call the MOSC office and they will handle the tickets. Ms. Hilbert thanked the MSG for supporting the Kids Choir with \$4000. There are flyers on the table promoting the Kids Choir. The MOSC season is off to a good start with the first Pops concert of the season featuring Big Band piano and vocalist. The Holiday Pops Concert will be held at the CAF. Ms. Hilbert thanked everyone for their support of MOSC.
- VI. Executive Reports:
 - A. Belle VP – Kellie Hooper said the Belle books with assignments are now available. Each MSG Member with a freshman, sophomore, or junior Belle should pick up a book. Seniors do not have any assignments and do not need books. Kellie will speak with all the Belle moms at the end of this meeting. Kellie also announced that Belle attendance to their assignments has been great this year.
 - B. Community VP – Trish Nelson said there are 16 MOSC concerts that need tickets collected and the MSG will be responsible to work 10 of these concerts.
 - C. Membership VP – Libby Laughlin reminded everyone to turn in their attendance slips at the end of the meeting. Libby reported that we have the following number of Belles in the program:

- 50 Seniors
 - 66 Juniors
 - 71 Sophomores
 - 54 Freshman
 - 52 8th Graders (estimate)
- D. Project VP – Galen announced that we still need a Project VP. In the interim, Galen has reserved the Midland Center and secured a DJ with a laser show for entertainment. The Project Committee will meet at Galen’s house to discuss Gala weekend.
- VII. Board Reports
- A. Concert Hospitality – No report.
- B. Mailing – No report.
- C. Member-in-Training – Jami Haest said the next MIT meeting will be Thursday, October 16 immediately following the General Meeting in Lynn Hall at First Presbyterian Church.
- D. Newsletter – Galen Haynes announced that Val Sparks will be our new Newsletter Chairman. Galen recognized Val Sparks.
- E. Symphony Office – No report.
- F. Table Tops – Tammy McCulloch reported that invitations to the Table Tops fundraiser went out Monday. There are 18 designers. The Table Tops committee needs to meet immediately following the General Meeting.
- G. Tickets – No report.
- H. Web Page – Galen Haynes directed everyone to e-mail their items to Laura Ingram who will upload them to the webpage.
- I. Yearbook – DeLayne Wellen said the Yearbooks are here and encouraged everyone to come pick one up.
- J. NYAC – Jan St. Hilaire reported that she will be going to Dallas for the next TASO meeting. At that meeting, the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition will be discussed. Jan moved to donate \$300 to the TASO Juanita Miller Concerto Competition. The Motion was seconded by Val Sparks. Motion carried. Jan announced that the NYAC will be January 9-10, 2009 in Midland at the Allison Performing Arts Center. The Midland Symphony Guild hosts the NYAC every four years and 2009 is our year. She has sent out thousands of brochures advertising the event. MSG members who are going to serve on the NYAC Committee need to meet on Tuesday, September 30 at the Midland Hilton at 12:00 noon. Jan stated that she is no longer at the Museum of the Southwest. Jan is now Executive Director of the Midland Ballet. Her phone number is 528-3358. Deborah Dean distributed sign-up sheets for people to host NYAC student competitors in their home. These are music students from all over who need a place to stay. Having a piano is not necessary, but a plus. Rande Rathbone shared her very positive experience hosting students in her home.
- K. Senior Belle Pictures – Galen Haynes said that Tracy Ranostaj, who is taking care of Senior Presentation Dresses, will also be in charge of pictures for the senior program. The program will be a combined senior and freshman program. We are looking for advertising sponsors for the program.
- VIII Old and New Business – Galen announced that the next General Meeting is Thursday, October 16 at First Presbyterian Church.
- IX. Adjournment – Galen Haynes adjourned 12:37 p.m.

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Midland Guild Financial Report

Cash Balance 9/30/08

General Checking	\$ 3,579.28
General MMA	\$ 96,254.42
Special Events Ckg	\$ 877.14
Special Events MMA	\$ 9,860.59
Total Cash	\$ 110,571.43

Income Statement 6/1/08-9/30/08

Income	
Interest Income	\$ 207.10
Expenses	
Advertising	\$ (1,096.50)
2009 Belle Ball Entertainment	\$ (1,000.00)
NYAC	\$ (1,261.05)
Postage-Bulk Mail	\$ (750.00)
Table Top Expenses	\$ (1,018.00)
TASO	\$ (397.35)
Website	\$ (70.66)
Newsletter	\$ (62.35)
Miscellaneous	\$ (7.00)
Total	\$ (5,662.91)
Net Income	\$ (5,455.81)

Table Top Fundraiser-Oct 08 Income \$ 9,720.00

Need YOUR Yearbook? They are ready to be picked up. We will have them available at the first three meetings. If this is not convenient, call (682-7927) or email me (dbwellen@suddenlink.net) and I will put a yearbook on my front porch (5110 Daventry Place) for you to pick up. If you find any errors or omissions, please don't hesitate to contact me so that I can correct the information for next year. Thanks, DeLayne Wellen, Yearbook Chairman.

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