

Midland Symphony Guild Newsletter

March 2009

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IMPORTANT DATES: Upcoming meetings:

General Meetings:

March 12, 2009, Noon, FUMC Fellowship Hall

April 16, 2009, 7pm, FPC Lynn Hall, Installation of Officers

May 14, 2009, Noon, FUMC Room #222, Joint Board Luncheon

Board Meetings:

March 5, 2009, Noon, FUMC, room #222

April 16, 2009, 6:16 pm FPC, room #227

May 14, 2009, Noon, FUMC Room #222, Joint Board Luncheon

Words of Wisdom from the President, Galen Haynes

Land on the horizon! We need every single Guild member to recruit today's 7th grade mom to be next year's 8th grade MIT moms! I MEAN EVERYONE! It is the last thing ya'!!!! PUSH THROUGH THE PAIN in your backs and arms and let's just GIT-R-DUN!!!

Wow- what a perfect Gala weekend. You are all amazing; our girls were perfect Friday and Saturday. Everyone thank **Laura Ingram** for a sleepless week of perfection!! I am so excited that I fell over backwards and broke my arm! See all of you in March and please come to the April General Meeting to vote on By-laws changes. (See below) What an amazing group a ladies you all are!

Belle Ball 2009 was an awesome experience!

I just wanted to include a brief description of Belle Ball for all of those who were not able to attend some part of the evening. It was terrific. I know some were worried about this year's event due to the breathalyzer tests, but I can't tell you how wonderfully the girls and their escorts all behaved. They were even standing in line for a turn to take the tests, joking and having fun. I even had some of the kids tell me that they thought we made at the right choice calling for the tests. That really made me proud of how great these kids are. This year we left the decorations up, flowers on the tables and even added snack tables to make it a more formal evening and I have to say the kids rose to the occasion. The highlights of the night of course were the beautiful girls and their dresses. Moms, GREAT JOB. They truly looked lovely. The photographers were wonderful and you can still go online to view and purchase photos from the evening. The DJ's were great. They had two big screens, one with videos and one with live video from the dance floor. It was cool. I had innumerable positive remarks from the kids, the chaperones, the police officers and even from the staff of the Midland Center. The staff said that it was one of the nicest events that they could remember hosting at the Midland Center. **WOW!** I sincerely want to thank all of the parents, girls and escorts for being so wonderful this year. We can all be very proud to have been a part of the event. It was truly a **Ball**.

Sincerely,
Kellie Hooper, Belle VP

Upcoming Concerts: Mark Your Calendars, Plan to Attend

Pops III Saturday, March 7, 2009 CAF, Side Street Strutters Jazz Band

West Texas Winds Saturday, March 21, 2009 7pm CEED Building.

Masterworks IV "Rediscover the Masters" Saturday, April 4, 2009 7pm Mid-Cities Church

Lone Star Brass Saturday, April 18, 2009 7pm CEED Building

Chorale April 25, 2009 7pm CEED Building

Pops IV Saturday, May 2, 1009 7pm CAF, Symphonic Pops: American Salute

Membership News & Proposed By-Laws changes

- The Membership committee recommends that the deadline for turning in new applications and renewal applications be changed from April 1st to June 1st.
- The Membership committee recommends that the Senior Program Fee be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00

**All membership renewal forms are online on the web site www.midlandsg.com
All forms and money need to be sent to the MSG PO Box 60658; attention Membership.**

The Change Box

Cash Balance 2/20/09

General Checking	\$ 1,213.33
General MMA	\$ 92,228.40
Special Events Ckg	\$ 960.71
Special Events MMA	\$ -
Total Cash	\$ 94,402.44

Income Statement 6/1/08-10/28/08

Income	
Belle Ball 2008 Donation	\$ 2,000.00
Belle Ball 2009 Fees	\$ 44,830.00
Membership Dues	\$ 2,029.00
Table Tops Fundraiser	\$ 9,770.00
Interest Income	\$ 226.79
NYAC Sponsorships	\$ 5,450.00
NYAC Grants	\$ 12,500.00
NYAC Registration	\$ 4,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 565.55
Total Income	\$ 81,371.34

Expenses	
Advertising	\$ (1,336.50)
Belle Orientation	\$ (36.46)
Belle Shirts	\$ (1,875.75)

2009 Belle Ball Expenses	\$ (48,278.98)
Concert Hospitality	\$ (1,482.52)
Magical Christmas	\$ (1,242.30)
NYAC	\$ (30,875.03)
Postage-Bulk Mail	\$ (823.31)
Table Top Expenses	\$ (5,047.43)
TASO	\$ (1,412.81)
Website	\$ (133.32)
Newsletter	\$ (216.79)
Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$ (241.47)
Storage Unit Rentals	\$ (5,508.00)
Yearbook	\$ (535.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ (292.00)
Total	\$ (99,337.67)

Net Income \$ (17,966.33)

Belle Ball/ Gala Est.:

Total Inc. Deposited	\$ 44,830.00
Est. Income not deposited	\$ 7,000.00
Income from Membership 4/08	\$ 45,460.00
Expenses to date	\$ (48,278.98)
Est. Outstanding Exp.	\$ (4,000.00)

Income \$ 45,011.02

The Midland Symphony Guild General Meeting

February 5, 2009

- I. President Galen Haynes called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.
- II. Approval of the minutes. Kellie Hooper moved to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2009 General Meeting. Pam Morphey seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.
- III. Executive Reports:
 - A. Membership VP – Libby Laughlin reported that there have been no membership number changes since the last General Meeting. Libby Laughlin moved to change the registration deadline from April 1 to June 1. The motion was tabled since this would require a by-laws change. Any change in the by-laws requires the change be sent to General Membership prior to the meeting. Libby Laughlin moved to change the return date on the membership packets. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.
 - B. Finance VP – Pam Morphey announced that she will take bills/invoices for Gala. People can also send them to her at the MSG P. O. Box of 7255.
 - C. Galen showed the 2009 Gala Programs and how the programs are being used for the Senior Presentation as well as the Freshman Introduction. Galen explained that the cost of the programs is not being covered by the current senior program fee of \$100. Galen suggested two choices, we can keep the current fee structure and each senior will be responsible for selling \$50 in advertisements or we can increase the fee to \$150. The group indicated overwhelmingly to support a fee increase as opposed to selling advertisements. (Note: this will require a by-laws change).
- IV. Board Reports
 - A. NYAC – Jan St. Hilaire reported that the NYAC was a real success. We had 33 students compete and we had 3 winners with 1 overall winner. The overall winner was a female clarinet player who will be returning to Midland to perform. Jan distributed the NYAC Profit and Loss statement which shows that we made \$960.71 from the competition. The MSG hosts the NYAC every four years; Odessa also hosts the NYAC ever four years. We took good notes to refer to next time we host. The MSG is the largest Symphony Guild in the state of Texas. The next TASO meeting is in April and will be held in Abilene.
 - B. Project Committee – Laura Ingram began by announcing that we are ahead of schedule in setting up for Gala weekend. Laura reminded everyone to tell their Belles and escorts to behave appropriately and to discourage gum chewing. The Belles will enter the East door for Belle Ball. We expect to have 350-400 for Belle Ball. Last year there were 500-600. Mary Howard, the Clean-up Committee Chairman, announced that those who signed up for clean up should come a bout 15 minutes early. She said clean-up goes fast and it can be fun.
- V. Announcements – Galen asked everyone to get a new MSG member by telling them about the Midland Symphony Guild. The lifeblood of the organization is members and we need to be thinking of new members, especially those who will have 8th graders next year.
- VI. Adjournment – Galen Haynes adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois K. Folger, Recording Secretary

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