

Midland Symphony Guild Newsletter

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A Word from our President

Spring is officially here and I know everyone is excited about recruiting new Belles and signing up for placements! Hopefully, we have all remembered returning to the April 1 deadline!

Paige Pitts, Nominations Chair, has been working with her committee to prepare the slate of officers for next year, as well as filling the Chairs of the numerous committees that are vital for the successful operation of MSG. Please try to attend the next two meetings. The nominations will be presented in April and installed in May.

As President 2010, I want to express my appreciation to all of the membership and the Belles for your hard work and support. Due to your diligence, we were able to meet our commitment to MOSC for \$45,000.00 and give an extra \$5000.00 as a bonus to the musicians. We also deposited an additional \$5000.00 the National Young Artists Competition.

Job well done, ladies and gentlemen!

Beth Warren

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

2010-2011 MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Kellie Hooper
Pres Elect	
Belle VP	Becca Hanna
Community VP	Pam Nichols
Finance VP	Dana Cristiani
Finance VP Elect	Becky McCann
Membership VP	Kerry Noormohamed
Membership VP Elect	
Project VP	
Corresponding Sec	
Recording Sec	Libby Laughlin
Immed Past Pres	Beth Warren
Parliamentarian	Kim Collier

As you can see we are still looking for a President Elect, Project VP, and Corresponding Secretary. The President Elect would be responsible for assisting the President will and move up to President the next year. The Project VP would work with a Project VP Elect and oversee Project Gala. Corresponding Secretary is responsible for receiving information from the Executive board and sending it out to the membership via e-mail. Please consider one of these positions!

Thank you to all guild members for stepping up to fill placements this year! If you are interested in any of these positions, have any questions, or would like to nominate anyone for a certain placement (I would never tell...) please call me!

Paige Pitts
425-1519

IMPORTANT DATES: Upcoming meetings:

General Meeting: April 15, 2010, 7PM, First Pres – Lynn Hall

Board Meeting: April 15, 2010, 6:15PM, First Pres – room #227

Upcoming Concerts:

Masterworks IV-Landscapes
Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Mid-Cities Community Church

Pops IV
Saturday, May 8, 2010 at CAF
Summon the Heroes

Membership Renewals are Underway!!! Do it NOW, don't delay any longer!

The cut off date for membership was April 1st. **Add \$50 grace period penalty if postmarked between April 2nd and May 1st. Add \$100 grace period penalty if postmarked between May 2nd and June 1st. Applications postmarked after June 1st will not be accepted.**

Mail all required forms to: Midland Symphony Guild, PO Box 7255, Midland, Texas 79708

The Treasurer's Chest

Profit from Gala	\$49,537
Less annual pledge to MOSC	(45,000)
Profit from Table Tops	4,605
Less restricted gift for musicians' bonus'	(5,000)
Remaining current year operating funds	11,311
Less current year reserve for NYAC	(2,500)
Beginning Reserve Fund Balance	23,676

Unrestricted Cash Balance March 25, 2010	\$36,629
Collections for 2010-2011 year	29,000

Cash Balance Mar 25, 2010	\$65,629

**Midland Symphony Guild
March 11, 2010**

General Meeting

First United Methodist Church

Respectfully submitted by Libby Laughlin

Meeting began at 12:04

Members present:

See sign in with Membership

Beth Warren: (President)

Informed the membership about the following:

- Gala Review
 - Several comments made about the food. Assured that changes will be made
 - Several resignations have been received due to the dancing at Gala
 - Beth stated that it is the responsibility of the parents to encourage appropriate dancing at this event.
 - It was suggested that music be previewed before the dance. We have done that and it doesn't make a difference. They will dance that way to just about anything.
 - It was suggested that we return to using Police officers instead of Sherriff officers. The year's group would not breathalyzer unless someone looked drunk.

Dana Cristiani - Finance:

- Midland Symphony Guild has pledged \$45,000 to the Symphony. We are also giving an additional \$5,000 to the instrumentalist. So the total gift will be \$50,000.00
- Looks like we will end the year with about \$30,000.00 in reserves. This needs to stay at this amount since membership is down.
- As of today under half of the membership has returned their membership applications.
- Reminder – Applications are to be post marked no later than April 1 any applications received after this date will have an addition fee of \$50.00 added. Any received after May 1 will have another \$50.00 late fee added

Kerry Noormohamed - Membership

- Reminded members to get their applications turned in by April 1st. Fines will be added for any applications post marked after April 1
- MIT Applications are available today if you would like to take some

Allison – Community Liaison

- Informed the members that the first of two ads encouraging membership in Symphony Belles ran in today's MRT in the Local section. The next ad will run on Sunday.
- Reminded members that it is the responsibility of each member to sponsor a new member each year.
- Lists of eligible 7th graders from all junior high schools as well as all the private schools are on the back table. Before leaving, each member is expected to sign their name next to a student they intend to sponsor. These lists will be emailed out as well.

Trish Nelson – Announced that any mom who has missed an assignment has one last chance to make it up. The event is Vintage Harmony on March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at The Willows. If you need to make up an assignment please contact Trish at 631-2872 so she knows who to be expecting.

Paige Pitts – Nominating

- Encouraged members to get their applications back ASAP so that assignments can be made.
- A list of open Board positions will be on the back table. If you see a position that you are interested in please sign up. If you know someone who would do well in a position write their name down with a? and Paige will contact them.
- A list of Gala positions will also be on the back table. We have not done this before but if there is a placement that you see that you would like to do, please sign up.
- Urgent need for the position of President Elect for 2010-2011
- Slate of officers will be presented at the April 2010 meeting.

Suzanne Gulick – Belle Placement

- Reminded members that if their belle has not completed their required service hours, they need to contact her so that placements can be assigned.
- **DO NOT call Suzanne at work!** Please call her at home after 6:00 p.m.
- Call Cassie Francis if belle is not sure how many hours they are missing.
- Safe Place has quite a few service times available. Belle must be 16 to volunteer at Safe Place.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18