

**MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD
GENERAL MEETING
10/13/16**

- I. Call to order- 7:05
- II. Guest Speaker, Dee Carter- spoke about importance of financial and estate planning
- III. President's Report
 - A. Encouraged members to continue thinking how we can make organization stronger.
 - B. Will hear committee reports, introduce every chair in attendance and give them each an opportunity to address membership
 - C. Want to recruit and retain
- IV. Committee Reports and Discussions
 - A. Jill Pennington, Advisory Planning, Bylaws: no report
 - B. Leslie Wilson, Community Liaison: no report
 - C. Mikell Abney, Concert Hospitality: not in attendance
 - D. Tom Elrod, speaking for Financial: provided Balance sheet and Profit & Loss Sheet. Reiterated we are a transparent organization. Checking acct to fund Gala. \$68,000 in checking, \$54,000 money market. Money Mkt making little in interest, it is a healthy reserve. Discussion: Angie ? asked if we approved this year's operating budget? TE answered it was approved in April. Angie voiced concerns of specific numbers and suggested to amend the budget to actual dollars. TE will present to board and take a close look. TE also announced will continue to be accurate with financials.
 - E. Cindee Dietrich, Gala: Encouraged Belles to have picture taken. Invitation will be different and include the photos. Not mailing, saving money and hand delivering wrapped box including the Gala invitation, Belle Ball invitation. Will be delivered to the Belle's house the week before Thanksgiving. Look for an email to verify Belle's name spelling. Please respond if incorrect. Deadline is Jan 1st for table linens, food count, etc. Eight places but can make ten. Will send email to freshmen and seniors for guidelines. TE: will workout MIT helpers.
 - F. Gina Campagna- TE thanked chair and committee for providing appetizers. No report, please take food home & give TE feedback.

- G. Leslie Rhodes, Long Range Planning: not in attendance.
- H. Karen Sparks, Mailing: not in attendance.
- I. Cheryl Spotts, Membership: Reminded members to sign in for credit.
(TE: ALL Belles will be in the program, not just Freshmen and seniors)
- J. Suzanne Kennedy, MIT: not in attendance.
- K. Shelley Harper, Nominating Committee: no report
- L. Adrienne Clifton, Patron Liaison: Patrons are not active members but who would like to continue to support the organization.
- M. DeeDee Boring and Robin Hall, Publicity: website, social media, gala meetings, make sure everyone is notified, requested everyone to like MSG's fb page, reminded everyone of pictures and reiterated importance.
- N. Debbie Hightower, Belle Chairman: appreciates everyone who brought clothes for Safe Place collection. Belles have volunteered 324 1/4 hours to the community thus far, equivalent to \$6,865.00 in the last 2 months. 75% of slots filled. Reminded Belle to remove name from slot within 24 hours and try to find replacement. Had to call theater one time and tell them there was no Belle to help. Picture payment information.
- O. Katherine Jones, MSG. Not in attendance.
- P. Allison Gramentine, Special Events: Formerly "Tabletop" and "Vintage Harmony." Work in progress, seeking opportunities for Belles.
- Q. Billye Louder, Yearbook: left for volleyball. T. Elrod announced one for every member, patron members, Using Suzanne Kennedy for printing needs, color pictures of girls, looks great and will have more for next year. Thank you Billye and Suzanne.

VI. Other business

- A. Thank you Trinity, Adrienne Clifton and Cheryl Spotts.
- B. Next meeting November 10th at Trinity Commons.
- C. No December meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:54