

Spring 2018 Session of The Windsor Chamber Chorale

Information for New and Existing Members

Practice: St Alban's Episcopal Church, 6th and Walnut Street, Windsor, CO, on Monday evenings starting Jan 21, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30pm.

Dues: \$30 is due at the beginning of the session to help defer the cost of music, accompanist etc. If you are not able to pay any or all of the dues, that is OK. Just let the treasurer (Lainie Peltz) know.

Music for Chorale:

- Each chorale member will receive each piece of music for the upcoming performance.
- All music is to be returned at the end of the semester following our concert(s)
- Occasionally we borrow music from other churches, Aims, etc. These pieces will normally be marked with that organization's information. Please take extra care with these pieces so that we can return them to the lending organization in excellent condition. [SEP]
- Please only mark music in pencil, even if it is only photocopies. If music is from another organization please do not mark in it at all. We are also unable to hole punch any original music - only photocopies. [SEP]
- **Other necessities:** A black three-ring notebook is required for our performances. If you do not have one and are in need of one, one can be provided. We will also provide pencils, erasers, and a pencil case.

Fundraising:

- **King Soopers Cards:** We are on the Community Gives program with King Soopers and are able to provide gift cards that we can reload and the chorale receives 5% back from purchases made.
- **Candy Sales:** We sell homemade fudge and candy at our concerts. \$5/bag.
- No other fundraising opportunities are needed at this time but will be brought up if and when we have a need that is beyond the capabilities of our bank balance and dues income.

Membership and Attendance: [SEP]

- We accept members from the age of 13 up, but require that members under 18 years of age have an adult sponsor that preferably will sing in the chorale – whether it is a parent or adult friend or at least stay and wait through practice. The sponsor would be responsible for getting them to and from practices, etc.
- We ask for your commitment to the chorale by your attendance and hard work and **come to practices expecting to have fun!**
- New members may join the chorale up to and including the 3rd practice. No new members may join after that time except at the discretion of the board. [SEP]
- Please note that we do keep attendance to some extent and ask that you miss no more than 4 rehearsals. If a member misses too many rehearsals and/or falls behind they may be asked to not perform in our concert at the discretion of the board. The reason for this is that new voices make it difficult for the choir to “gel”. Attendance is **required** for at least two of the three final practices and the dress rehearsal before the concert, except in unusual circumstances (we understand life happens and the board will make decisions for special circumstances on a case by case basis). [SEP]

Performances: 2018 Spring concert is tentatively set for Friday, May 4th at 7:00pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4th and Walnut. Our final 2-3 practices will be held at Bethel.

Dress for performances: **Men:** Black pants, white shirt (tie depending on event)
Women: Black shirts, black bottom (pants, skirts)

Dress Rehearsals: We normally sing at Good Samaritan in Water Valley within the week or two preceding the concert and usually schedule this on a Monday or Tuesday evening.

Auditions: Voice placement auditions are held for new members and as needed at the beginning of each semester. They involve singing a piece of music to get an idea of ability to read music and scales to determine range etc.

Building usage: We will be practicing in the sanctuary and will have the doors on the north and west sides of building open for access directly to the Parish Hall and sanctuary. The bathrooms are located in the Parish Hall.

There is a possibility of using the organ for a piece or two, but we are in need of someone that has some experience with the organ to play it. If you are aware of anyone please let us know and please do the leg work to see if they would be able to help with a couple practices and to play at our concerts, also if we would need to compensate them.

The Board and other Volunteer Positions:

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