

Bread and Roses Board Minutes  
Nov. 17, 2025

Present: Sharon, Shawna, Julie, Sherri, Jenni, Bobbi

- Concert Check in.
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  - Public Relations going well. On Line presence, people report posting the flyer. At the last rehearsal
  - Jennie asked people to help find someone to turn on and off her camera/tripod set up to record individual songs. Julie said she may know a videographer. She will see what her response is.
  - Some potential attendees have asked about a reception afterwards. The concert committee had not planned on organizing a reception, but some board members offered to bring cookies, cakes, etc/ Paper napkins, etc. Perhaps Beth S. and Cathy would be willing to help set things out. Whoever sets things up should not be a singer. Another option is Laurie L. Sherri will contact Laurie to see if she would be willing to set up. Linda and Shawna volunteered to make a sign up sheet to pass to invite people to bring treats. It was also noted that the beneficiary often organizes the reception. Since we are using income to help defray the cost of SSN, providing sweets after the concert fits with existing tradition.
  - The board agreed that Jenna did a fantastic job on the drums.
  - Update on scarves? Jan V. had been cut off by Amazon at a low number, but Sherri was able to give her another source with no amount limit at the same cost. Linda will collect money from chorus members to defray the cost of the scarves. We should encourage people to pay using the donation portal so there is evident activity on the portal, which should encourage others to donate.
  - Since the risers are touchy, Sherri has invited those who would like to sit during the concert to sit, making 2 first rows, creating more room on the risers.
  - Sherri has some battery operated candles that she'll bring to dress rehearsal.
  - SECTIONALS: altos in the sanctuary had a hard time finding lights. Information on finding lights was shared, perhaps bring an additional light source.
- 2 Two performances on December 20th. One at Lincolnshire: warm up at 2:45 sharp, Sing from 3 to 3:30. Then Bethany Rehab 3:40 for a half hour or so.
- Sherri can make the first, not sure she can make the second. Julie asked what we might be singing. Night of Silence was suggested. During the following discussion several options for music, with no firm decision made. Sharon had red books, Linda found copies of the music in the books Sharon borrowed and then lent the chorus. Possible titles, in no particular order, include Children Go Where I send Thee, Christmas Chopsticks, Night of Silence/Silent Night, and other well known carols.

- Shawna asked about a list of those people who said they could attend these performances. Sherri said details would be shared later.

### 3. Retreat Laura F. presented quite comprehensive plans for the Retreat.

- January 31st, Church is reserved.
- They have A.V. equipment, except a screen is needed. Is able to connect to a laptop, though it is old and cranky (the AV stuff)
- Laura asked if SHawna could borrow a screen from the ST. Charles library, Julie mentioned that if that is unworkable, she has access to a rollig whiteboard that could be used.
- Time/duration 10AM until 4 PM. 50 minute sessions with 10 minute breaks, plus a lunch to be provided by board.
- Start with ice breakers, goal is to have people get to know people not in their section. Sharon will help Laura create an interest form/ice breaker., example 3 facts no one knows.  
10 minute break  
Next 50 minute session will include vocal technique/breath work by Sherri  
10 minute break  
50 minutes talking about SSN planning.  
10 minute break  
Future expectations/goals for Bread and Roses  
Break  
Trivia game with simple/fun prizes.  
Sherri offered to donate a "date with the director"  
Lunch from McAllisters, potato bar, board purchase salad fixings for a salad bar.  
The potato bar, salads, drinks and tipping is under \$7.00 each  
Will look into vegan chili, good amount of protein.  
Expects 20 people, so potato bar is 100 to 150, additions, (lemonade, salad) 60

We were all impressed at the amount and quality of work done.

Sherri asked about inviting people who might want to join our chorus to attend. Shawna said she would like to have a retreat regularly.

- 4 Purchasing music: Most recently purchasing and receiving music was done Through our treasurer, Linda. Sherri asked that all music goes to her. Sherri Stated that currently on the website were music links and listening links for the Music we will be singing in our Spring Semester. This allows the accompanists To become familiar with what they are playing before the first rehearsal. In addition, it is better for our vocal health to sing even when we are not actively rehearsing and learning our music. We had decided in the fall that we would develop a budget for music based on what we spent this year. Linda said there is enough our account to pay for music. Since we will be deciding on a budget after

"Give DeKalb" on the first Thursday of May, we can also begin to project how much money we will receive from those donations. Julie shared that there is a form to fill out and submit along with a \$50.00 registration fee. The organizers of Give DeKalb need that information in January/February. Sherri asked if we needed to include in our costs additional money for the songs we would be singing at the SSN festival. Shawna explained that the fee to attend includes any costs for music. We don't yet know when we will receive the music, but it will be on a link which we can print off of.

5. SSN festival. Once we can access the link and print off the music, we can Rehearse around our chorus rehearsals....before, after, during break. It Will not be necessary to learn them completely, part of what the festival will do is Build in time to rehearse these songs. Early sign up for SSN is from December 15th to February 15th. Cost is considerably less: \$185 vs \$220. Sherri asked if Shawna and Jennie could get info on the members page. We may also be able To practice at the Retreat.
6. Jennie reported on her work getting a fundraiser via Chipotle on Sycamore Rd in DeKalb. People participating in the fundraiser have to announce that they are At Chipotle for the Bread and Roses fundraiser. Receipts must be over \$100.. \$150 even better, to qualify for the percentage. Sherri will make a poster With information about joining Bread and Roses AND participating in the Chipotle fundraiser, with a slip with the required strip. An announcement should Also be made at the concert. Fundraisers through Chipotle are limited to one Every six months. Need 75 people to attend on average to raise enough \$\$.

#### TO DO

Reception after concert. Sign up sheet Linda and Shawna  
Set up: Sherri ask Lori L.  
Beth Schue

#### 12/20 performance

List of who plans to attend/perform  
Select music from what is available

#### Retreat

Lori F has organized most. Sharon will help with ice breaker, Sherri will instruct Vocal technique/breathing exercises, SSN planning Jennie and Shawna, game.

#### Music purchasing/ Linda can order

Sherri will receive, copy as needed, distribute music: so that we can work  
Toward getting music after concerts, particularly accompanists.

#### Chipotle Fundraiser...Dec. 10th

Sherri will make poster to display @ concert with flyer

