

**Meeting Minutes, Melody Makers of Indiana, Saturday, May 18, 2024**  
**MCL Cafeteria, 10:00 am**  
**5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis, IN**

**Board Members Present** – Katrina Ladwig, Nancella Dobbins, Marsha Smith, Vera Tiani, Edie McDonnel, Jane Lang, Emily Wilhelm, Georgene Kestner, Brandy Mayer and Honorary Board Member, Jane Massey – all present

**Call to Order** – Katrina Ladwig

**Secretary's Report** – Brandy Mayer – a few changes were made to the last board meeting minutes, which were addressed and emailed.

There is another addition to the minutes that was discussed, but not originally put in the minutes. This is regarding our decision not to have the three counties selected for State Fair. The board discussed and voted on it. Based on feedback and comments received from members throughout the year, it was decided not to have three counties selected to perform at the State Fair. Member comments have indicated that in doing so, it gives the day more of a feeling of competition. They felt this is not in keeping with the spirit of Festival, which is enjoying and celebrating each individual chorus' talents and effort.

With this addition, Edie voted to approve the minutes and Emily seconded. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Nancella Dobbins – Current checking balance is \$9271.35 and the money market balance is \$22436.01. Remember, we have collected money for workshop. There will be a report passed out at workshop, one copy for each county. The report will be filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

**Elections** - We have two applications for the two open seats for the 2024-2028 term. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting at Workshop. Brandy will send an email to get the Voting Delegate list names confirmed. Katrina will send out the applications to the contact list for review with your choruses and ready for a vote at Workshop.

**Festival 2024** – Katrina had sent out an email about how Festival went on June 12. Great job to all choruses for a nice day and a fantastic evening concert! Next year, Festival will be on Tues. June 3, 2025. The location is being researched.

**New Business:**

**State Fair August 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Check in will start at 10:30 am and rehearsal will start at 11 am and will last until noon. Our performance will be at 1:30 pm. Jane L. will bring a keyboard for Kris to use and will be available for upstairs and downstairs. Each chorus member will move a chair to rehearse and for performance, like last year. There will be a platform for Scott. We have 81 singers for the State Fair.

**Workshop 2024** - Tentative schedule has been finalized and will be sent out. Katrina met with our meeting planning team on June 14th and reviewed space reservations/setup and a map will be sent out to the contact list. For check-in at the hotel following our first afternoon rehearsal, they will have extra staff on hand. Only the member who used her credit card to hold the room will need to check in. Payment can be split at checkout.

Music packets are ready. Packets have been given to all six people leading sectional rehearsals. Remember to bring the five pieces that we have done previously to Workshop (look at email from Katrina on April 17). They will not be included in the packet. Lunch and dinner will be plated meals. Just a reminder that workshop attendees will need to follow the schedule. We have 8 counties who are donating silent auction baskets. Brandy will send another email out about these. Attendees can view and place bids on these during the merchandise sales times at Workshop. Winners will be announced at our last dinner together. Please have check or cash ready for pickup. We have 105 people attending Workshop, which includes Scott and Kris.

**Steering Committees** – Emily will be getting information for a newsletter together. Please send information to her, especially if you have pictures from Festival Day.

**Next Meeting** – July 25, 2024 after Workshop

**Adjourn**, 1<sup>st</sup> by Georgene and seconded by Brandy.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Mayer, MMIA Secretary