

Northwest Iowa Singers Board Meeting
August 11, 2025 – 6:30pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Le Mars

President Travis Balt called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Present: Terra Falkena, Travis Balt, Kjersten Rathke

Absent: Kalli Lund, Tom Toel, Josie Krook-Brunette

Also Present: Rachael Wragge

Minutes/Agenda: Kjersten moved, Terra seconded a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. All present: Yes **Motion Carried**

Annual Meeting Minutes: Terra moved, Kjersten seconded a motion to approve the annual meeting minutes. All present: Yes **Motion Carried**

President's Report:

Travis will contact members of the ensemble during the retreat to serve on committees – fundraising, social media, etc.

Travis has applied for a grant through MidAmerican Energy (foundation@midamerican.com) – need a digital copy of the tax determination letter; Kjersten will add to drive; project would be to commission a piece from Adam Orban for Salus.

Zeffy – conversation to be had at a later date

Finance Report:

Check sent to Popplers for \$534.07 for fall music.

One more piece to order – Kirchner

Stamp to be ordered – Northwest Iowa Singers & number

All-State Clinic

9:30-11:30 – Rehearsal/Sectionals

11:30-12:30 – lunch on your own

12:30-2:30 – Rehearsal/Sectionals

Registration: <https://forms.gle/W32KgrmsaxRgfNyYA>

Okoboji Salus Retreat – September 20-21

10 am start on Saturday, Rachael will work with Luke Miller on the details for where people can stay overnight; schedule to be determined for the weekend by Rachael as the time comes

Fall Concert Schedule

September 20-21 – Retreat

September 28 – Rehearsal in Le Mars 2:30-4:30

October 5 – Rehearsal in Le Mars 2:30-4:30

October 19 – Rehearsal in Le Mars 2:30-4:30

November 9 – Rehearsal @ Cathedral in Sioux City 2:30-4:30

November 16 – Concerts

General Manager Report

Terra will contact the church to confirm availability of rehearsal dates
Apparel – tshirt with small logo, 2-3 other shirt options

Committee Reports

Membership: Thank you to Josie & Terra for posting our outstanding achievers from ICDA this summer

Fundraising: Sponsor A Singer – donation of \$50/singer; welcome Chandler to the committee

Publicity/Marketing: All-State Camp

Acknowledgments

Congratulations to Luke Miller, Noah Towns, and Josie Krook-Brunette for receiving awards at ICDA!

Congratulations to Kalli and Tyson Lund (and Grandpa Jim Kistenmacher) on the birth of their daughter!

Congratulations to Nikki & Gage Fenton on the birth of their son!

Future Events

All-State Clinic – September 13 @ LCMS

Retreat – September 20-21

Fall Concerts – November 16 @ 2pm – St. Joseph, Le Mars; November 16 @ 5pm – Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City

Spring Concert – April 26, 2026

Summer Performance – June 9, 2026 @ Spirit Club, Sioux Center

Summer Performance – TBD @ Arts in the Park, Orange City

Travis moved and Terra seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Next meeting date **TBD**

The Northwest Iowa Singers Board Members

Travis Balt - Board President & Founder (Term Expires July 2026)

Terra Falkena - General Manager (Term Expires July 2026)

Josie Krook-Brunette - Historian/Social Media (Term Expires July 2026)

Kalli Lund - Vice President (Term Expires July 2026)

Kjersten Rathke - Secretary/Treasurer (Term Expires July 2026)

Tom Toel - Board Member At Large (Term Expires July 2027)

Open - Board Member At Large (Term Expires on July 2028)

Rachael Wragge - Artistic Director of Salus

