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The Weekly Newsletter of the

Choo Choo Chorus

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Script for Monday's Meeting

7:00 Chuck leads warm up building on last week.

7:15 Review Veni, Veni, Emmanuel and Jingle Bells

7:30 Start ' It Came Upon a Midnight Clear'

7:45 Start 'We Need a Little Christmas' introducing Fast Learning Method (click here to download a copy.)

8:20 CCCCC announcements and Dismiss

8:30 Break

October 18. 6:30-7:00 pm

The lady who will make Gold Vests for members who need one will be here to make measurements.

November 11. 10:30am.

Our next scheduled performance is for the Veteran's Day Opening Ceremonies at the National Cemetery.

Rehearsal Schedule for 2010 Christmas Chorus

October 18 -

- October 25 -
- November 1 -
- November 8 -
- November15 -
- November 22 -
- November 29 - Dress Rehearsal

Main Performance Schedule for 2010 Christmas Show

Thursday, Dec. 2 - Cleveland show at Lee University

Friday, December 3 - Chattanooga show in GPS auditorium. 7:30pm

Other Performances During the Christmas Season

The following Sing Outs are scheduled, and we expect several more that all singers are invited to.

Creekside Retirement - December 14

Alexian Village - December 16

Bring in Old Sheet Music

Chapter members and returning CCCCCers are requested to bring in their sheet music from previous years. Each piece of sheet music that we pass out, be it original or copy, costs us about $2 and everyone singing is required by copyright law to have a copy of the sheet music.

8:30 Break

8:40 Announcements

8:45 Work on The Christmas Song and Winter Wonderland

9:25 Wilbur presents the Gandy Award and we close with Keep the Whole World Singing.

Last Monday's Meeting Summary

Chuck welcomed our guests and told how Vince Lombardi a his first meeting with the Green Bay Packers held up a football and said "we're going back to the basics." Chuck put The Old Song sheet music on the viewgraph and then starte on the basics; the barbershop music staff, posture, breathin tuning and vowels.

Paul passed out the sheet music for Veni Veni, Emmanuel and we worked first on the Latin introduction. He intersperse a cappella and vocal singing techniques. With many returnin CCCCCers, we were able to sing through the song and it sounded really good. He passed out the sheet music for Jingle Bells and talked about the crazy choreography. We sang through it once without stopping.

Paul passed out the Learning CDs and explained how to use them by playing two tracks and adjusting the balance control. He then passed out The Fast Song Learning Method description and explained it. We sang a welcome to out gues and took our break.

After the break, Paul played the audio track from last weekend's Dixie Convention. We will discuss this more next week.

Wilbur lead announcements. Lebron noted there were 45 men in attendance tonight and there were 15 members missing (most likely exhausted from the Dixie Convention.) He encouraged us to call them. Wally thanked everyone for recruiting for the CCCCC. Niles did a survey to see how man members need gold vests. Call him if you want one. Beau presented the officer slate for next year. He is looking for Music VP, Program VP and Marketing/PR guy.

We sang Let It Snow and It Came Upon a Midnight Clear. We closed with Keep the Whole World Singing. *Steve Wixson*

Welcome to our CCCCC Guests

We welcome you to our 2010 Chattanooga and Cleveland Community Christmas Chorus (CCCCC.) The fun you had last Monday will continue through the rest of the year and get better with performances (our biggest applause from the audience is sometime the silence after we sing a great rendition of one of their favorite songs.) Returning CCCCCer will see that we've removed the chair risers which give us more flexibility during rehearsals.

The net profits from our Christmas Show go to a charity and for the last three years to the Walter E Boehm Birth Defect Center. The less we spend on sheet music, the more we give to them.

Next week in particular, bring in Veni, Veni, Emmanuel, Jingle Bells, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, The Christmas Song and Winter Wonderland. And review these during the week.

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit

There is still time to recruit men for the Christmas Chorus. With 45 in attendance last Monday and 15 more members coming this Monday, we now have 60 men, and with probably 30 from the Cleveland Chorus, we can put 100 men on stage for this year's Christmas Shows. Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!

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