

# Vermont ACDA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2011  
Middlebury College

1. Meeting was called to order: members in attendance were Sherrill Blodget, Jeff Buettner, Jeff Rehbach, Aimee Bushey, Susan Cherry, Dan Graves
2. Minutes were approved
3. Discussion of October Open House:
  - Where? Let's try for Randolph again since the infrastructure is already in place
  - When?: Try for a later August date? Discussion led to tabling this decision until a future meeting
  - Who?: Possible regional- open it to ME, MA, NH?
  - Format: Discussed pros and cons of 1 headliner vs. 2 vs. utilizing our own talent- possibly Susan and her research; Reading sessions- should we do more and should they be back to back so everyone can go to all the sessions?; discussion of an open sing for all the musicians present; host a discussion of [ideas] (that possibly tie into the "theme" of the conference); what should the time-frame be- should we open by 9 and stay until 4:30? Some other thoughts: warm-up share, something to highlight the church's pipe organ, possible student involvement, Choral Sing-In (more discussion later)
4. Reading Sessions
5. 10 Free Memberships
  - Several names were given and discussion around protocol for giving memberships
6. Leadership Meeting Report (Jeff B): Jeff shared minutes from the leadership meeting- basically stating that there was a LOT of discussion about email.....but several good conversations came from this event- centering around rural outreach and possible New England collaborations.
7. Madrigal Festival 2011: Aimee reported that Sherrill will be the conductor; we are in the process of getting music out and that things are underway for this year's festival (Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30- No. Ave. Alliance Church, Burlington)
8. Children's Choir:
  - Susan reported that she has secured this year's conductor (Michael SanFillipo of the Newark Boys Chorus School) and also put out an ad on ChoralNet for a conductor and received 28 highly qualified replies and resumes! She has conductors lined up for the next several years!!!!
  
  - There was discussion about the logistics of hosting the festival at Middlebury that will be worked out between Susan and Jeff B & Jeff R and other appropriate campus staff. An accompanist is needed- perhaps Kevin Parizo?
9. Music in Worship: Sherrill reported that Lori says she's working on it! ☺
10. Essence of Joy: Tony Leach's choir from Penn State will be in the area in February- hoping to do some workshops and performance with local high schools.....should it be an ACDA sponsored event? Yes.....
11. February Conference:
  - Sherrill is looking into 2 bus companies and will go with less expensive- how many people will be using this?

12. Website column: Jeff R will try to post who is writing for each month....

OCT: Piero Bonamico

NOV: Dan Graves

DEC: Jeff Rehbach

JAN: Lori Routhier

FEB: Dawn (mentoring in B.V.)

MARCH: Nat Lew

APRIL: Kristin Cimonetti

13. Future Meeting dates: will be done with an online survey instrument from Sherrill