

Conductor's Comments

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Let's Go!

Last night's rehearsal was more productive than the first because attendance was good and because some members had prepared for rehearsal. Notice the absence of the adjective: excellent. Tardies marred the start—we waited for a least a half dozen singers to find their places even after the vocal preparation. When I asked who had worked on German pronunciation, maybe half raised their hands.

To the degree that we have sloppy attendance and poor preparation, we are just like the other community choirs in St. George, except that (per person) you have more talent. But talent is over rated. Lack of it can often be overcome with hard work and dedication; it can be wasted by poor study habits and sloppy attendance. In other words, a Ferrari can become a broken-down wreck and a Chevy can become a shiny Corvette. It's just a matter of maintenance and modification by a crew of dedicated mechanics.

All of this critique is well-known to all of you. On your way to becoming a successful, mature adult, you have repeatedly overcome sloth, disorganization, procrastination, and depression. You have learned to apply all the positive traits which your role models have recommended; AND HERE YOU ARE!

You bring all of your success, maturity, talent and training to the St. George Chamber Singers. Yes, last night's rehearsal was pretty good, but not everyone was prepared and on time. Rehearsals can move faster and be more productive if you bring more to rehearsal. Ladies and Gentlemen, tune your engines, check your tire pressure, get your insurance up to date, shine the finish, drive sober. Let's go!