

ORPHEUS MALE CHORUS OF PHOENIX
Approved Minutes December 2018 Board Meeting
December 5, 2018
Cigna Offices, Tempe, AZ

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Dave Thomas.
President Thomas asked for a moment of silence for former President George H.W. Bush.
The agenda was accepted as distributed.

Present: Owen Swenson, Drew Peterson, Ira Rubins, Dave Thomas, Bob Meier, Karen McNally and Jeremy Harris (via phone)

Ex Officio: Brook Larson

Guests: J.D. Helms, Jack Rubino, Makoto Matsumoto, Skip Richards

Absent: Jay Kereny, Skip Pepers

Approval of Minutes of October 2018 Board Meeting

Ira Rubins, Secretary

Ira Rubins moved and Karen McNally seconded to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Meier, Treasurer

Bob Meier reviewed the handling of Austin's family donation to the "Endowment Fund" which was designated for payment of the recently purchased sound shells.

Bob Meier moved and Jeremy Harris seconded (via phone) that we transfer \$8588.44 (the amount received from the life insurance) from the General Fund to the Endowment Fund. Discussion. Motion accepted.

Drew Peterson moved and Dave Thomas seconded that we keep the existing mail PO Box open for another year. Motion accepted.

Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Pending Items:

Discussion of gender distinction for male choruses

Jack Rubino (guest)

Jack Rubino presented information regarding the topic of women in male choruses. There was a brief discussion. The position of the Board at this time is that the topic is under consideration. There was consensus to research other male and gay men's choruses to see if, and how, they may have already addressed this issue.

ACTION ITEM: Jack Rubino volunteered to be the point person. He will make research contacts and report back to the Board.

Membership Committee Restructure Proposal

Skip Richards/Makoto Matsumoto

Skip Richards reviewed the previously submitted restructuring proposal to split the Membership Committee into two committees; one to handle the administrative functions of membership and the other to focus on the social functions of membership.

Ira Rubins moved and Karen McNally seconded to accept the Membership Committee restructuring proposal as presented. Discussion. Motion accepted.

Artistic Director Report

Brook Larson, Artistic Director

Brook reviewed items. Ira Rubins will MC for Camelback Bible in lieu of Kevin Staab.

Action Items Update:

ACTION: Brook reported on an invitation from KAET Channel 8's Horizon program for an Orpheus appearance on Thursday, December 6th. There was discussion. Consensus to accept and move forward. Brook will follow up.

20 singers have been chosen to represent Orpheus for the Horizon program recording.

Committee Reports

Submitted committee reports were reviewed as submitted.

Development

J.D. Helms

Karen raised the issue of being able to make a general donation during 10/20/30. J.D. will address.

Finance – Budget

Bob Meier/J.D. Helms

Marketing

Kevin Staab

Outreach

Drew Peterson

Owen Swenson has volunteered to join the Outreach Committee. Drew will facilitate.

Production

David Armstrong

Makoto reported on committee restructuring activities. David Armstrong will step back from the Chair position but will remain on the committee. Jeremy Harris will own front of house volunteers for December. Brook has confirmed logistics with venues.

Membership

Skip Richards

Skip Richards reviewed the recent successful social.

Old Business

Operations Support Task Force Update

Ira Rubins

Ira reviewed task force status. Thank you to all who have responded to information requests.

90th Anniversary Update

Brook Larson

Thanks to Drew for completed the great-looking 90th Anniversary 3-D logos.

Tour Update

Bob Meier

Bob reviewed current information. We're full for one tour bus. Hotels are booked. Southwest Airlines is booked.

ACTION ITEM: Bob Meier will facilitate, on a minimum number required basis, opening up to our general audience membership the opportunity to join us on the tour.

Purchasing the truck from David Armstrong.

By January the Board will decide whether or not to purchase the truck, and let David know.

Legacy Concert Survey Summary

Karen McNally distributed her survey summary. She's consolidating the rest of the Orpheus member survey information.

New Business

Confirm new Production Committee Chair

Brook reported that Floyd Land is willing to take on the Production Chair responsibilities and form a working committee, including David Armstrong. All key individuals are in agreement with the changes. President Thomas will confirm the changes with all the principals.

Nominations Committee Chair

ACTION ITEM: President Dave Thomas will address the chorus in January for volunteers who would be willing to take on the Chair for the Nominating and the new "Social" committees.

Formally confirm price for new CD (and others)

Owen Swenson moved and Ira Rubins seconded to charge \$15 for new CDs, give one free CD to current chorus members, and give a \$2 per CD discount for 5 or more CDs purchased to both chorus members and the general public. Discussion. Motion accepted.

President Dave Thomas reviewed the stated venue capacity totals for each concert location.

Brook reviewed the topic of unsold ticket inventory for specific venues.

Owen Swenson moved and Karen McNally seconded to authorize the Marketing Committee to provide discounts for venue specific tickets of individual concerts based on their discretion as to the amount and timing of the discount. Discussion. Motion accepted.

ACTION ITEM: Brook will own facilitating the logistics of implementation of the ticket discount opportunities with the Marketing Committee.

President Thomas read an email he received from former chorus member Jack Waldrip, now living in Florida. He will share it with the Chorus as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira Rubins
Board Secretary