

ORPHEUS MALE CHORUS OF PHOENIX, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2015

All Saints Lutheran Church 15649 N 7th Street Phoenix, AZ 85022
Room 202

Board Members:

Present: Michael Peterson - President, Les Mullen - Secretary, Bob Meier - Treasurer,
*Brook Larson - Artistic Director, Dick Janac, John Jackson, *Dave Kelly

Absent: Drew Peterson - Vice President, Jason Eastman, Gary Hapip

Other Members Present: J.D. Helms

*= Ex officio

Call to Order by Michael Peterson @ 9:02am

Consent Agenda

Review and approval of minutes - Michael Peterson

June 27, 2015 meeting minutes were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: 1st Dick Janac, and 2nd by John Jackson. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report - Bob Meier

Bob Meier presented P&L for June 2015, BS as of June 30, 2015, BS as of July 24, 2015, P&L July 2014 through June 2015, and P&L Budget vs. Actual July 2014 through June 2015. Bob mentioned that insurance costs are up slightly (1-2%). Non-renewal notice received from workers' comp insurance due to non-exclusive church performing. Bob stated that he is getting a clarification and may seek getting a new carrier. Motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented: 1st Dick Janac, and 2nd by John Jackson. **Motion passed.**

Artistic Director's Report - Brook Larson

New performance opportunity at the Tempe Center for the Arts with a small Orpheus chorus of 20-25 members to sing either before or during intermission of a Childsplay performance. General consensus was that this was an excellent opportunity and should be pursued.

The Board turned down a request by a former chorus member to join for a partial semester with concern about sending the wrong message regarding commitment preferred.

Co-Chairs for ACDA trip - Dick Janac and Bob Meier. Would like to budget

additional money for instrumentalists to be used at the February ACDA performance.

Committee Reports

Development

No report.

Marketing

Dave Kelly reported that Big Marlin is behind schedule and waiting for logo approval. They also need additional information about an October concert.

Membership

No report. Transitioning chairmanship from Michael Millis to Kenny Casey.

Finance

No report.

Outreach

Brook Larson reported that he is reducing the number of slots from 60 to 40 for the FMSC (Feed My Staving Children) charity participation. 26 participants are currently signed up at the FMSC website. Benefit concert in conjunction with First United Methodist church scheduled for April 10th, 2016 to benefit Anchor House. Will plan as an annual event with First United Methodist church with possibly a different beneficiary each year.

Production

No report.

Old Business

Website/Logo update

Dave Kelly gently requested the Board consider approving one of the logos presented. Discussion regarding the addition of "of Phoenix" as necessary to logo #8. Motion to approve logo #8: 1st John Jackson, and 2nd by Dick Janac. **Motion passed.**

Transportation Options - ACDA

Bob Meier will pursue further.

New Business

Ticket Pricing

At last month's board meeting, J.D. Helms had presented a price increase proposal to raise prices to \$25 adults and \$20 seniors. This was proposed to increase revenue and bring our prices more in line with other Valley arts

organizations. Discussion regarding discouraging current and new patrons at a time when we are trying to build our audience. Additional discussion regarding difficulties implementing a pre-sale discount price. Motion to approve price increase proposal: 1st Les Mullen, 2nd by John Jackson. **Motion failed.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: 1st Bob Meier, 2nd by John Jackson. **Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.**

Respectfully submitted by Les Mullen, Secretary.