

## ORPHEUS MALE CHORUS OF PHOENIX, INC.

### Board Meeting Minutes

**December 5, 2015** (Note - Today's meeting counts for November and there will no December meeting.)

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, Jason  
Eastman

Absent: Drew Peterson - Vice President, Gary Hapip

Other Members Present: None

\* = Ex officio

Call to Order by Michael Peterson @ 9:01am

### Consent Agenda

#### Review and approval of minutes - Michael Peterson

October 31, 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

No financial reports to present due to Paypal corrections and updates needed. Transfer of approximately \$13K to Endowment Fund from Endowment Holding (10145). OMC tickets donated to Faith Lutheran and Phoenix Children's Chorus to auction off at their fundraisers. Discussion regarding Tux and Dues assistance. General consensus for preference with assisting with dues. Additional discussion regarding not setting a precedence of paying members for services to OMC.

#### Artistic Director's Report - Brook Larson

Boys to Men - General discussion regarding lots of positive feedback from participants, direction and future modifications, and the possibility of changing the line-up of choirs involved. Ally Franzzone was recognized for her tremendous assistance with helping to organize the event.

OMC Overscheduling/Overload - General discussion regarding the effect of too many additional commitments this semester. Consensus to continue the

October collaboration with Phoenix Children's Choir but limit the number of additional commitments.

## **Committee Reports**

### Development

Email report sent by J. D. Helms.

### Marketing

**No report.**

### Membership

**No report.**

### Finance

**No report.**

### Outreach

Brief verbal report by Brook Larson. Spring events include a benefit for Anchor House and a high school from Washington visiting while on their choir tour.

### Production

Report prepared and presented by John Jackson. John presented a new Performance Checklist based on volunteer input and elaborated on extensively by John Jackson.

## **Old Business**

### Website update

New website rollout looks good with some shopping cart problems that need to be addressed.

### ACDA (On-going)

Dick Janac - Hotel will keep the block of rooms available until 30 days prior to event, at that point we will either lose the remaining unreserved rooms or be charged for them. Dick's workplace (Hilton Doubletree Resort on Scottsdale Rd.) has agreed to allow us to use their parking lot as a pickup point for our busses.

Bob Meier - 79 people have signed up so far to ride the busses.

Brook Larson - Performance program finalized. 85 singers have committed (including the few that will only join us for the first eight weeks of Spring semester). A local fiddle player has been found for a reduced fee to be used on two songs.

### Other Old Business - None.

## **New Business**

### December Board meeting

There will not be a December Board meeting.

### Criteria for Special performances/invitations

General discussion regarding vetting invitations for special performances for exposure and attendance numbers and the impact they may have on our current schedule.

### Future Board dates

Next Board meeting scheduled for January 23, 2016 - will include the regular Board meeting and a Strategic Planning session with Makoto on the same day. 2016-2017 Season planning to be scheduled for another day.

### Growth

General discussion regarding the implications of growth on the administration of the Chorus - specifically the future addition of an Executive Director and how their function could be gradually implemented over time. Mike Peterson asked the Board to consider thinking ahead to the next budget cycle, about committee expansion and oversight as some committees have become stretched, and the process for adding outside Board members.

### Other New Business

- 1) Discussion regarding adding a Raffle for OMC concert tickets with the winner selected from a pool of concert goers who have entered by providing an email address. Email raffle to be implemented at a future date.
- 2) Discussion regarding a request to consider upgrading OMC's "B" uniform. General consensus being that unless a suitable alternative is presented, the current "B" uniform will remain.
- 3) Les Mullen made a request of the Board for suggestions regarding possible future Board meeting minutes' improvements.
- 4) A primary (Grand) prize is still needed for the Spring raffle.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: 1st Dick Janac, and 2nd by John Jackson. **Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.**

Respectfully submitted by Les Mullen, Secretary.