

ORPHEUS MALE CHORUS OF PHOENIX, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2015

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

Board Members:

Present: Michael Peterson - President, Drew Peterson - Vice President, Les Mullen - Secretary, Bob Meier - Treasurer, Dick Janac, John Jackson, Gary Hapip

Absent: *Brook Larson - Artistic Director, Jason Eastman

Other Members Present: David Kelly

* = Ex officio

Call to Order by Michael Peterson @ 9:06am

Consent Agenda

Review and approval of minutes - Michael Peterson

September 26, 2015 meeting minutes were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented: 1st Bob Meier, and 2nd by Gary Hapip. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report - Bob Meier

Bob Meier presented P&L for September 2015 and BS as of September 30, 2015. Bob stated not much to report - logo pens have been ordered and scholarship money is due to be paid out. Inquiry made as to status of Member dues - almost 100%. General discussion regarding remaining Members almost paid up.

Motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented: 1st Dick Janac, and 2nd by Gary Hapip. **Motion passed.**

Artistic Director's Report - Brook Larson

Brook called in at 9:13am to discuss his report made available to Board members earlier in the week.

Discussion regarding 90th anniversary orchestra.

ACDA - ACDA badge gets you in to all concerts free beginning at 5 minutes before each concert. Discussion regarding encouraging/helping members join the ACDA trip. Brook asked the Board to consider allowing former Orpheus members to re-join Orpheus only for the first eight weeks of the spring semester so that they can sing with us at the ACDA convention.

Some former members have expressed their desire to sing with us at ACDA but are unable to commit to a full semester. Discussion regarding number of additional members versus skill/commitment levels. Conclusion: No problem with former members re-joining for the first eight weeks to sing at ACDA as long as they pay their share of dues/trip expenses with the exception of Jon Lang. Jon Lang is being hired to help with piano accompanying duties. The Board also asks Brook to please keep President Peterson informed as to who Brook is inviting.

Committee Reports

Development

Presented by Michael Peterson for J. D. Helms.
General discussion regarding participation level of email submissions for 10/20/30.

Marketing

Handout for report reviewed with Board by Michael Peterson.

Membership

Jim Fountain has agreed to co-chair starting this May. Discussion regarding whether the current committee chair is aware of this.

Finance

No report.

Outreach

Read by Les Mullen for Brook Larson.

Production

Report prepared and presented by John Jackson. Discussion regarding change in committee leadership and is the current committee chair aware of this. Discussion regarding volunteer leadership transition. Les Mullen provided background information to follow up with the last Board meeting's discussion under the agenda item "Front of the House" housekeeping. Dave Kelly provided information about how the complete production job extends beyond just performances.

Old Business

Website update

Presented by Dave Kelly. Dave provided an overview and known glitches. Board members had been given preliminary access earlier this week to the new website as it stands now. General consensus is that it is fairly SPECTACULAR, especially compared to our old version. Discussion regarding YouTube versus streaming video. Discussion regarding future handling of running the website and possible upgrades/enhancements.

Questions regarding future costs and when the website might go live. No future costs and may be live by mid-November.

Arizona Citizens for the Arts

Motion to approve one hundred dollar membership dues for the Arizona Citizens for the Arts was tabled at the last Board meeting pending further information about the organization. Les Mullen presented a verbal report regarding the organization's good standing with Arizona Corporation Commission, history of name changes, background of it's Executive Director, and actual work done lobbying the Arizona State Legislature. Motion to approve membership with the AzCA: 1st Bob Meier, and 2nd by Drew Peterson. **Motion passed.**

Other Old Business

Charity partnership with Earnhardt - Gary Hapip working/waiting on receiving commitment from their team for being a co-sponsor with our benefit concert. Earnhardt team members to attend an Orpheus concert later this Fall.

New Business

Library

Dave Kelly (Orpheus Librarian) presented a report on the current state of our library. Orpheus owns about 940 different titles and with the purchase of lots of new music we are running out of space. Discussion regarding the care of the library and the purchase of boxes for storage. Dave Kelly to work with Bob Meier to purchase the boxes necessary.

Archives

Dave Kelly reported on the existence of several old reel to reel tapes and old cassette recordings of Orpheus performances. Discussion about pursuing preservation of the old recordings, the process it would take to do so, and ultimate deposit with the Arizona Historical Society.

Senior Ticket Age

Mike Peterson presented the Volunteer Committee notes and opened a discussion regarding the age required for the purchase of senior priced ticket for Orpheus concerts. General consensus that the senior ticket age should remain at 65 years, but at no time should a patron be "carded". The Volunteer Committee has expressed the need for front of house items, specifically name tags, labeling machine, table cloths, signage, etc. Volunteers Coordinators to begin ordering items needed as Bob Meier has the authority to handle reimbursement of small dollar items.

Volunteer Liaison

Covered in Production Committee report.

Other New Business

Electronic Christmas flyer - Discussion regarding the generation and use of an electronic version of our Christmas flyer.

VIP list - Discussion regarding VIPs without a Board member contact and getting them complementary tickets to our Fall concerts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: 1st Dick Janac, and 2nd by John Jackson. **Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.**

Respectfully submitted by Les Mullen, Secretary.