

Suncoast Phoenix Community Choir
Board Meeting
March 13, 2024

Attending: Rachel, Jane, Catherine, Susan, Nancy, Sheila, Stu, Sara
Regrets: Mary, Sonia

Call to order 5:06 PM

Motion to adopt the agenda Sheila/Jane

Motion to accept the minutes of February 7, 2024 board meeting Jane/Susan

Business arising:

Rehearsal space:

The move to St. John's has gone well. Stu will bring facility use agreement on Thursday for Rachel's signature and will give it and a copy of the insurance to St. John's. The Lutheran Church accepted \$250 for the termination of our rental.

Raffle:

We have a target of \$2,500 in sales for the raffle. To date we have sold only \$800. There is no penalty for unsold e-tickets other than failing to meet our goal. Catherine will speak to the choir on Thursday about promoting the tickets to friends & family. Sales close April 12. Sara will post the information on the choir Facebook page and encourage choir members to share on their Facebook feed.

Reports:

Treasurer - Stu

Stu provided the financial report to the board by email & attached to these minutes.

He has reworked the budget to include the Mozart Requiem to simplify things.

Catherine will work with Stu for the next few months to smooth the transition for next year.

Sara asked if anyone has not paid their dues. Stu will send a list to Sara to review and confirm whether everyone on his list is registered for this term.

Music Director - Sara

Now that Pirates is finished, Sara will plan sectionals for the choir, perhaps this weekend. Derry Oshust who played Frederic in Pirates will join the tenor section and will sing the solo in Loch Lomond. Sara requested an honorarium for him, he lives in Pender Harbour and finds it costly to come to Sechart.

Motion to give Derry a \$50 per session honorarium Sheila/Stu – carried

Reminder - the choir has been entered in the music festival on April 23, 7 PM at St. Hilda's. We are one of only 3 choirs this year.

We do not need to rent St. John's after the concerts in May as there will be no choir or large group rehearsals. We do want it for the AGM and solos concert on June 20th. The choir will sing at Rachel and Jim's wedding on June 22nd 2 PM ish

Planning has started for the fall session. Sara will choose a requiem for November and music for the Christmas concerts. She would like to look for another venue for our concerts as St. Hilda's is becoming problematic as the choir grows due to the inability to move the altar. A suggestion was made that perhaps Chatelech would be an option if we could get a choral shell. Catherine offered to apply for a grant from the Community Forest Heritage Fund for that purpose.

Librarian - Sonia
nothing to report

Publicity - Sheila
nothing to report

Concert Coordinator - Nancy
nothing new to report - venues & risers have been confirmed for the spring concerts but no payments issued to date
Nancy will arrange the rental of St. John's for the AGM on June 20th

Membership - Susan
We have 60 members but only about 30 people attending the last few weeks. Some members are on vacation and the Pirates performers took a short break from rehearsals. We have about 8 members who regularly attend via Zoom.

President - Rachel
Nothing new to report

Next meeting April 3 at 5:30 PM

Motion to adjourn Nancy/Jane - meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM