

Suncoast Phoenix Community Choir
AGM 2023 - Minutes
June 29, 2023

- A. Meeting held at St John's United Church in Davis Bay
- B. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm with Rachel Manley in the chair.
- C. A quorum was attained
- D. Adoption of the agenda. Moved, seconded, approved
- E. Adoption of the Minutes from June 29, 2022 Moved, seconded, approved.
- F. Business:

- 1. Beer and Burger Fundraiser - Volunteers and a Team Leader asked for from membership

- 2. Board Elections:

- Rachel described Job positions

- Current Board members who wish to return nominated themselves.

- Nominations for vacant positions

- Catherine Hansen for Treasurer. She will shadow Stu in his last year as Treasurer.

- Susan Blockberger for Membership

- Website will not be a Board position and Liz Byrne will continue to look after it.

- More nominations were asked for three times.

- Hearing none the slate was elected unanimously.

- The New Board is:

- Rachel Manley Chair

- Jane Mossop -Vice Chair

- Stu Austen/Catherine Hansen Treasurer

- Mary Baker - Secretary

- Sheila Tyner - Publicity

- Sonia Koehler - Librarian

- Susan Blockberger - Membership

- 3. Website reminder

- Rachel reminded new members to be asked to read the Choir Handbook which is on the Suncoast Phoenix Community Choir Website.

G Reports:

- 1. Treasurer's Report was received : Stu Austen

- Next year the rent at Living Faith Church will go up by 11% and the Board will consider raising fees from \$220 to %250

-The Financials from the Vivaldi concert were mostly finalized.

2. Music Director's Report.: Sara Douglas Year-End Report: Choir Director of Suncoast Phoenix Community

Introduction: As the Choir Director of our vibrant community choir, I am pleased to present the year-end report for the period of [2022/23]. It has been an eventful and rewarding year filled with remarkable achievements, memorable performances, and significant growth. This report aims to summarize our accomplishments, highlight our challenges, and provide a comprehensive overview of the choir's progress throughout the year.

Membership and Recruitment: Over the past year, our community choir has seen a steady increase in membership, reflecting the strong interest and commitment of individuals in our community to the choral arts. This growth has not only enhanced the diversity and talent within our ensemble but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and shared musical passion.

Rehearsals and Artistic Development: Our regular rehearsals have been the cornerstone of our artistic development. Throughout the year, we focused on refining our vocal technique, expanding our repertoire, and exploring various musical styles and genres. Our rehearsals were well-attended, and the dedication and enthusiasm of our members were awesome!

Performances and Collaborations: The community choir participated in a series of successful performances and collaborations during the year, showcasing our talent and dedication to the local community. We had 4 major concerts, including our highly anticipated annual Remembrance Concert, the Duruflé Requiem, which was possibly one of the most magical musical experiences of my life. We sang three concerts in December, at St. Hilda's, Calvary Baptist and the Botanical Gardens. Many people also participated in the Vivaldi Gloria project with the Coast Messiah orchestra and choir, which was a wonderful opportunity to sing with a string ensemble. I feel that we did a splendid job of spreading the joy of music and strengthen community bonds.

Challenges and Future Goals: While we celebrate our achievements, it is crucial to acknowledge the challenges we encountered and outline our future goals:

Attendance and Commitment: Maintaining consistent attendance and commitment from all members proved to be a challenge at times. To address this, we plan to implement a revised attendance policy and continue fostering a supportive environment that emphasizes the importance of regular participation.

Expansion of Repertoire: While we successfully explored various musical styles, we aim to further expand our repertoire to include more diverse genres, languages, and periods of music, ensuring a well-rounded musical experience for both our members and audiences.

Community Outreach: Building stronger connections with the local community and engaging with underserved populations are possible goals for the upcoming year. I would like to investigate the possibility of small group sing-outs for various locations on the Sunshine Coast.

4. Music Education and development: I am hoping for the opportunity to incorporate some workshops and masterclasses by guest artists, such as Sandra Meister, (who would love to come and work with our choir), and indeed, by members of our choir who have expertise to share, as we aim to enhance our skills and broaden our musical horizons.

Plans for next year:

We will start our fall season with a social evening in September, where members will receive their music packages, do some vocal work and some songs, and enjoy some social time together, as many have determined there is a desire to revive our community building fun times!

Singers who wish to join the Remembrance Day project will have the opportunity to rehearse and sing the Mozart Requiem on Saturday, November 11.

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons, and there will be a summer 'bootcamp' to jumpstart the learning.

Our December concerts have been booked for December 16 and 17th at 2 pm, as we decided last year to try afternoon concerts, and that was well received this year.

Our spring concerts will be shifting to a month earlier than usual, as I have an event happening that requires me to finish with concerts early, so we have booked for the Friday, May 10 (St. Hilda's) and Saturday May 11, (Calvary Baptist). In the past, people have requested an earlier spring concert, so we will try it and see how we like it.

The possibility exists for a Sechelt Summer-choir next summer!!

Conclusion: In conclusion, the past year has been a rewarding and transformative period for our community choir. With increased membership, remarkable performances, and notable achievements, we have solidified our position as a vital contributor to the local arts scene, and had a tonne of fun along the way, which is the main goal.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all the choir members, the board members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters, of whom there are many. Enormous thanks to Tom, for his amazing musicianship, leadership and talent, and his uncanny knack of knowing exactly what I'm thinking!!

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Douglas

3. Librarian : Sonia N/A Report to be received via email

4. Publicity : Sheila

- The year was finished off with all publicity being achieved. Rachel suggested using the On Line Sunshine Coast Events page in the future.

5. Concert Coordinator: Nancy Webber

- Most concerts are booked for the next year.
- Riser arrangement needs to be addressed by the Board

6. Membership : Elizabeth

- Final tally for SPCC members was 40 to 50.
- 48 singers sang in the Vivaldi Gloria

7. Website : Liz

The video from t4h Vivaldi Concert was recorded by Michael Gurney and is available on the Website.

8. President's report : Rachel Manley

- The Board has decided that 2024 Spring Concert will be held earlier in the spring : May 10 and 11.
- The Board agrees that it has been a wonderful year and we are all looking forward to next year.

Thank you to Tom and Sara

Thank you for everyone for attending

Welcome to the new Choir Board

H. Next Board meeting will be a "Happy Hour" pot luck held at Mary's home on August 12 at 3:00pm.

I. Adjournment at 7:00pm with Solo's Concert beginning at 7:15pm