

Suncoast Phoenix Community Choir
Minutes of Board Meeting
5:30 pm November 6, 2024 on Zoom

Present: Rachel Manley (chair), Nancy Webber, Catherine Hanson, Sheila Tyner, Lise Kreps, Susan Blockberger, Jane Mossop, Sara Douglas

Regrets: Sonia Koehler

Called to order – at 5:30 pm

1. Adoption of agenda – Under New Business, added BCCF site and Messiah sing-along. **Moved** by Sheila, seconded by Lise to adopt the agenda as modified. **Carried.**
2. Adoption of minutes of October 9, 2024 board meeting – **Moved** by Sheila, seconded by Lise. **Carried.**
3. Business Arising:

A. Raffle – (Catherine)

Sheila followed up with BCCF about a discrepancy between what Catherine was told were the ticket numbers sold from last year, and what actual sales were. More tickets were sold as singles than the BCCF contact reported.

For this year's raffle we have requested 350 tickets. Still to be decided is the breakdown between paper versus on-line tickets. Catherine has asked for board input. She will consider all the input and make a decision on this subject.

Discussion related to how to increase raffle ticket sales. Catherine suggested that it would be useful to have a list of "fans and followers" and suggested someone be tasked with collecting email contacts from audience members as they enter our concerts. Several people suggested that instead of this, we create an insert for the concert program and invite folks to give their name and contact information, and as incentive they would be included in a draw for a small prize. No decision reached on whether/how to create a fans and followers list.

Re. BCCF site (New business item) Catherine asked who should be the contact person listed on their website for those interested in finding out more about the choir. Board president Rachel will be the contact person.

B. Requiem:

Sara was unable to borrow drums for the Sunshine Coast Community Choir, therefore there will be an added expense because the percussionist Martin will be bringing his own drums. Catherine noted that by her calculations, income will exceed expenses for these concerts.

There will be 52 singers and 5 instrumentalists performing the Requiem.

There was some confusion about how many tickets per performance could be sold. Sara would like 100 tickets sold for each performance. Discussion regarding those people who tried to buy tickets but were told there were none available. Catherine has phone numbers in her call history, and where possible can recontact them to offer them tickets.

4. Reports

- a. Treasurer (Catherine): Financial information pre-circulated by email. We are in a healthy financial position.
- b. Music Director (Sara): The Christmas concert repertoire will be the focus of rehearsals in the next little while.

Sara has had several recent requests from folks interested in joining the choir. Since October she has been telling folks that we are not accepting new members now, but we will be accepting new members at the start of next term in January.

- c. Librarian: no report
- d. Publicity (Sheila): Ads have been placed in all the usual spots. Michael Gurney wrote an excellent article about the Requiem concerts in last week's Coast Reporter.
- e. Concert Coordinator (Nancy): Re. the Sunday Dec. 15th concert in Gibsons, Calvary Baptist Church has said that we cannot get into the church until 2:30. Nancy will be talking to the contact person and try to get permission to get in earlier.
- f. Membership (Lise): Lise requested feedback on how the membership lists that she has created are working for people. No problems reported.

There was a small but positive response to Lise's offer to collect and share emails of potential carpool participants.

Someone requested an email list sorted by part sung – i.e. soprano/alto/tenor/bass. After a brief discussion, a decision that this will not be provided.

Lise and Juliette are organizing a sing-along Messiah. See New Business below.

- g. President (Rachel): Rachel is involved in fundraising efforts for the Sunshine Coast Community Services' new building which includes safe housing for women and children. Choir member Serena Tinder has created a striking painting, and Rachel has

made prints and gift cards with this artwork and is offering them for sale as a fundraiser. She will be bringing them to choir next week.

5. New Business:

Lise provided information about the Sing-Along Messiah event she and Juliet are organizing for Dec. 8, 4:00 pm at St. John's United, and will be emailing the information to all choir members.

BCCF website contact info – will be board president Rachel.

6. Next meeting

Place: On Zoom

Date: Wednesday, December 4th

Time: 5:30 pm

7. Adjournment. Moved by Catherine, seconded by Jane that the meeting be adjourned.
Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm