

Suncoast Phoenix Community Choir
Minutes of Board Meeting
5:30 pm October 9, 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 5:34 pm

1. Adoption of agenda – **Moved** by Sheila, seconded by Jane. **Carried.**
2. Adoption of minutes of Sept. 4, 2024 board meeting – **Moved** by Sheila, seconded by Jane. **Carried.**
3. Business Arising:
 - A. Zoom reimbursement:
Moved by Sheila, seconded by Lise that we reimburse Sara for the cost of her Zoom subscription. **Carried**
 - B. Requiem: Tickets on sale now, and we have sold \$675 worth to date. Requiem fees have been collected from 43/57 people. 17 scores sold, 2 scores missing. We have had several donations to help cover costs associated with the Requiem, most notably a \$750 donation from a participant.
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer (Catherine): We currently have a healthy balance of \$17,520.25. Catherine has received choir fees from 48/64 people. Catherine and Lise will liaise to create a list of folks who have not yet paid and will send this to Sara to determine who is exempt and who needs to be reminded to pay their dues.
 - b. Music Director (Sara): Sara is very pleased the choir's sound this year. She will continue to encourage those few members who have difficulty with pitch matching to listen carefully, and perhaps to take individual singing lessons. Regarding those who are paid to attend – Jon will be in and out of choir as he is travelling back and forth to support family in Alberta. Derry will probably be coming back to choir.

Lise asked about the possibility of adding small group pieces to the Christmas concert specifically O Magnum Mysterium. Possibly, but this depends on how the choir does with all the music she has already selected. If we are able to perform it all satisfactorily, there will likely already be a full concert's worth of material.

Sara is aware that sound cloud recordings are not complete, particularly for altos, and is working to get these done as soon as possible.

- c. Librarian: Sonia reported by email that she has handed out 65 packages of music. There are still pieces missing for some members. Members are being asked to please continue to share music until we can get what is needed. Sara reported that she obtained more copies of some pieces this week and photocopied others.
- d. Publicity (Sheila): advertisements have been placed in the Coast Reporter and Sunshine Coast Cultural Alliance calendars, as well as Sunshine Coast Tourism website. Catherine offered to place an ad in the University Women's Group newsletter. Thank you to Catherine for this donation.
- e. Concert Coordinator (Nancy): Transporting of the risers to performances has been sorted out. She will arrange for the Christmas concert at St. Hilda's to be moved to the evening.
- f. Membership (Lise): There are 64 people on the attendance list for Thursday evenings. There are 57 people on the attendance list for the Requiem. Lise is maintaining lists which can be sorted by various factors as needed. The lists are available to board members on request.

Lise has asked for folks to provide their cell phone numbers in case it is necessary to contact folks at the last minute (e.g. for snow cancellation, sudden illness, etc.)

Lise plans to send out an email to all members asking if they want to carpool and offering to facilitate carpool groupings.

Susan has agreed to be back up attendance taker if Lise is indisposed.

- g. President (Rachel): Nothing to report.

5. New Business:

Garage sale signs: Signs made for the last time we had a garage sale have been stored for several years in Jane's garage, and she requested that these be moved or discarded. It was decided to discard the signs as they are now a bit worse for wear.

6. Next meeting

Place: On Zoom

Date: Wednesday, November 6

Time: 5:30 pm

- 7. Moved (Sheila) seconded (Jane) that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

