

Suncoast Phoenix Community Choir
Board Minutes
5:00 p.m, February 12th 2025
By Zoom

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

Regrets: Catherine Hanson, Sonia Koehler, Sheila Tyner

1. Adoption of the agenda: Moved – Jane, seconded Nancy, to adopt the agenda as pre-circulated CARRIED
2. Adoption of the minutes of Dec. 4, 2024: Moved Jane, seconded Nancy to adopt the revised minutes as pre-circulated. CARRIED

3. Business arising:

- a. SPCC fundraising (raffle tickets): Given that we have decided to only have on-line tickets, Jane agreed to take on the promotion/encouragement of raffle ticket sales with choir members. Thank you Jane!

ACTION: Jane will make announcements at choir practices about the on-line tickets and encourage choir members to share this information in their social networks.

- b. Grants update: Susan and Catherine submitted a grant application to the District of Sechelt's Community Investment Program, asking for \$2,500 towards Requiem expenses. We will likely hear back in about four months. In the application we promised two complimentary tickets to the Sechelt branch of the Legion, and 8 complimentary tickets to the Sechelt Seniors Activity Center.

We received letters/emails expressing support for our application from Katherine Hume and Maggie Scott (St. Hilda's church), Ian Poole (St. John's United), Janice Brunson (Acapella Strait etc), Gillian Smith (Seniors Center manager), Ernie Patterson (Sechelt Legion president), and Michael Gurney.

ACTION: Board members: Please thank these folks for their support if or when you run into them.

Stu has alerted Catherine to Credit Union grant we may apply for. Possible "asks" were discussed, including new black choir folders, choir t-shirts, a choir shell, professional learning tracks, new music, and instrumentalists. Sara informed us that a choir shell is not needed (see below). She stated a strong preference for new music and/or instrumentalists. The possibility of offering choir t-shirts for sale to choir members as a fundraiser was mentioned, perhaps next year.

- c. Choir shell – Sara reported that the choir shell at Chatelech High School has been located and is not broken as was previously thought. She would like to schedule a rehearsal at Chat this spring to try out the acoustics with the choir shell to see if with the addition of the shell, Chat would be a good location for future concerts.

4. Reports:

- a. Treasurer - Catherine. Report pre-circulated.
- b. Music Director – Sara.
Sara reported that she is pleased with the choir this year although she would like more men. She is happy with the repertoire. She counts 62 folks on the risers for the May concerts. She feels the chamber choir is going well.

She would like to take either March 20 or 27th off, date to be decided.

- c. Librarian: Sonia pre-circulated the following information by email.
62 packages of music were handed out including to 10 new members or returning members who did not join us last fall.

58 packages from last season were returned, (6 ppl returned music but did not join again).

2 people are still away who have not yet returned music nor received new music.

- d. Publicity –Nothing to report
- e. Concert Coordinator – Nancy.
Spring concerts are May 30th 7 pm at St. Hilda's and May 31st 2 pm at Calvary Baptist. Risers have been arranged.

Re: Christmas concerts, Nancy has booked Calvary Baptist for the afternoon of Dec. 14th. She has asked for the afternoon of Dec 13th at St. Hilda's. This may work depending on their plans, or it may need to be in the evening.

- f. Membership – Lise precirculated the current membership list. There are 68 folks listed on the attendance sheet, which includes Sara, Tom, and Sylvain.

Susan reported that the choir has sent out several condolences cards this month. Because we no longer collect addresses of choir members it can be challenging to identify choir members addresses in this situation. Should we collect addresses again? After discussion, it was decided that it was not necessary as we will just ask choir friends to tell us the person's address if we wish to send them a card.

g. President – Nothing to report

5. New business

Fundraising was discussed. Consensus that a major fundraising event is not necessary every year, but possibly every other year. The suggestion was made to offer choir t-shirts for sale to choir members for a profit on alternate years. Sara suggested hosting a Scottish Country Dance as a fundraiser.

ACTION: Bring forward for discussion in September of possible spring fundraiser.

6. Next meeting:

March 5th at 5:00 p.m. at Rachel's home
5301 Snodgrass Road, Selma Park.