

Suncoast Phoenix Community Choir
Board Minutes
5:30 p.m, April 9th 2025
At Catherine's home, 6233 Oracle, Sechelt

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

Regrets: Jane Mossop

1. Adoption of the agenda: Moved – Sheila, seconded Susan, to adopt the agenda as pre-circulated. CARRIED
2. Adoption of the minutes of Feb. 12th, 2025: Moved Catherine, seconded Nancy, to adopt the minutes as pre-circulated. CARRIED

3. Business arising:

- a. Response to Rachel's email to Sunshine Coast Community Orchestra re. Christmas dates. Unfortunately their concert is also scheduled for Sunday Dec. 14th and they cannot change the date. (See Concert Coordinator's report below).
- b. Sing-outs – **Bring forward** to next meeting

ACTION: Sara will look into the timing of when sing-outs might be scheduled.

- c. Choir's future direction and strategic goals discussion – **Bring forward** to next meeting.

4. Reports:

- a. Treasurer - Catherine.

We have recently received two donations, \$100 from Roberta, and \$250 from Paddy Wales.

ACTION: Susan will send thank you cards to Roberta and Paddy on behalf of the board.

We have a healthy \$12,376 balance at this time. Our burn rate is about \$2800/month. See attached financial statement for more details.

Re. BC Choral Federation raffle - to date we have sold \$1930 in raffle tickets. 60% (\$1,158) will go to the choir. The raffle is open until April 26th, so please continue to encourage friends to purchase tickets.

b. Music Director – Sara.

On Thursdays Sara is concentrating on musicality and detail at this point. She continues to encourage all to practise. She would like Jam and Rhythm of Life to be memorized by concert time. Also, given the small repertoire this term she is hoping that most of the music will be memorized. Re. Jam, Nancy reported that she has a neighbour who is a djembe drummer and might be interested in playing with us.

The chamber choir is going well.

Sara is thinking about the Remembrance Day concert for this year, and whether we should do a requiem or other music.

ACTION: Nancy will book St. Hilda's for two afternoon concerts on Nov. 11th

Re. the upcoming music festival on April 23rd, choir members are urged to plan to attend the entire evening of performances. We will be able to exit and warm up in the hall during the performance of the choir before us.

Sara is thinking about ways to possibly expand to an afternoon group for those who are not comfortable driving at night. (Currently there are a number of choir members who only participate via zoom for this reason.) She is not sure if this will be possible.

c. Librarian: Sonia reported that she has been busy filing last year's music and other various odds and ends, but she is running out of storage room. Music is currently stored in Kathleen Wagler's spare bedroom. Sara suggested that rather than looking for a bigger space, we cull the music that we have, as some of it is not appropriate for our choir. This will be a task for the summer, and volunteers will be needed to help with this. Sonia also reported that she may be purchasing some office supplies (hanging folders, lighting, etc.) for the music storage room, but will wait until after the music culling has taken place.

d. Publicity: Sheila. 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.

Re. Christmas concerts, the Dec 13th concert at 2 p.m. at St. Hilda's is fine. However, it is necessary to change the Dec. 14th afternoon concert at Calvary Baptist, because of the conflict with the Sunshine Coast Community Orchestra concert.

ACTION: Nancy will try to move the Calvary Baptist Christmas concert to Friday evening, Dec 12th instead.

f. Membership: Lise. Nothing to report

- g. President: Rachel requested that Sara remind folks to not wear fragrances to choir in respect for those with allergies.
- 5. New business:
 - a) Discussion and clarification of section leader role and responsibilities. Section leaders are expected to know their parts well and to be able to support struggling singers during Thursday rehearsals, e.g. by standing/sitting close to them. It is not expected that section leaders will arrange and lead sectional practices, although some may choose to do so. Sara will happily schedule and lead sectional practices on request. Section leaders are Alto – Susan Ferguson, Tenor – Sylvain Brochu, Bass – Jon Erickson. No soprano section leader has been appointed to date.
 - b) AGM and Solo's Concert – It was decided to hold these on Saturday June 28th at 7:00 pm for AGM, followed immediately by solo's concert. A board meeting prior to the AGM will be held on Thursday June 26th at 5:30.
- 6. Next meeting: May 7th, 5:30 via zoom.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.