

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

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

Regrets: No regrets!

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

3. Business arising:

- a. Scottish Dance Fundraiser – Catherine suggested that before discussing fundraisers, we establish what direction we want the choir to go in, and this will inform our fund-raising goals and plans. It was decided to defer fundraising discussion to later in the year.
- b. Sing-outs – Lise asked if the board was interested in exploring the possibility of sing-outs at Christianson Village and/or Silverstone. There was general agreement that this was a good idea. Lise has connections at Christianson Village and Catherine has connections at Silverstone. Both volunteered to assist in liaising with these venues. Because of the size of the choir, we would likely have to ask for volunteers and cap the number of singers.

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

4. Reports:

- a. Treasurer - Catherine.
See attached report which was precirculated. Susan asked for clarification on what was included in the Music line item in expenses. The \$1648.63 is the cost of music (purchased/copied/borrowed) for the main choir for both fall and spring terms. It does not include music for the chamber choir, and they have been asked to pay for their own music. This works out to about \$27 per person in the choir.
- b. Music Director – Sara.
Sara is pleased with the number of pieces selected for the main choir and asked for feedback from the board re. music selection. Board members expressed their approval of the repertoire. This term Sara has been more “nit-picky” about what she wants right from the beginning, and she feels this approach is paying off. She is also

scheduling regular sectionals. Sara intends to select a soprano section leader in the near future.

Choir will take March 27th off during spring break.

Both the main choir and the chamber choir is registered for the Music Festival this spring. In total, seven choirs will be performing this year.

- c. Librarian: Sonia. Nothing to report.
- 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.

Christmas concerts are booked for Dec. 14th at 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist, and for Dec 13th at 2 p.m. at St. Hilda's.

ACTION: Rachel will contact representative of the Sunshine Coast Community Orchestra to let them know when our concerts are scheduled, and request that they not book their concerts at the same time.

- f. Membership: Lise
Lise noted that not everyone is signing in. She asked for direction about how and when to enforce the rule that if you miss three practices you are not allowed to sing in the concerts. Sara said that she will make the judgement of whether someone who has missed multiple rehearsals is ready to sing in the concert and will tell them if they are not.

Catherine and Sonia requested an up-to-date list of active members to coordinate with their lists of who has paid dues and who has been given music packages.

ACTION: Lise to send Catherine and Sonia list of active members.

- g. President: Rachel noted that spring is a very busy time for her business. She has been president for some time now and would be happy to step aside if someone else was willing to take on the position of president.

5. New business:

- a) Catherine suggested that the board discuss strategic goals for the choir to help focus planning and fundraising. This topic will be discussed at a future board meeting in order to give board members a chance to think about this topic before discussing it further.

6. Next meeting: April 9th, 5:30 p.m. at Catherine Hanson's home – 6233 Oracle St, Sechelt (corner of Oracle and Bailey).
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.