

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MINUTES January 2, 2023

ATTENDEES: Keith Anderson, Janet Blubaugh, Rodger Guebert, Chuck Jonah, Margo Jonah, Mikki Mendelson, Nancy Sigel, Sarah, Sippy, Reid Taylor, John Zelman, Patrice Basso

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

MINUTES: John made a motion to approve the November minutes. Nancy seconded. Motion was approved.

FINANCIAL: Keith gave a summary of his financial report. He has finished entering all transactions into Quickbooks. The Profit/Loss shows a current deficit of \$13,712.00. But once the concert income is received from the college, Keith anticipates a profit of \$9,475.00 for this fiscal year. He suggested the possibility of raising ticket prices by \$5.00 and offering a \$5.00 discount for online purchases. This can be tied in with marketing. Keith also acknowledged Margo's hard work to meet the SECA deadline for a grant which was approved. Mikki made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and approved. Keith mentioned that he would love to get rid of the rental space which costs \$71.00/month.

MEMBERSHIP: Keith received 16-17 requests to join and sent out the registration link including chorus information and music selections. He reported 77 individuals have registered with 65 paid. Reid asked if the link could be shared with some of his interested friends. Keith will send the link to Reid directly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Committee: John proposed the formation of a Budget Committee to help the chorus plan for the future. He volunteered to be on it as did Rodger and Keith.

Future Concerts: Reid has been consulting with Pete M. regarding musicians for the Spring 2023 concert. Reid also suggested that a hybrid type concert for Fall 2023 would retain a successful collaboration with the Pete Ellman Band (PEB). It provides the audience with a holiday tradition while giving chorus members some different pieces to perform. There was a brief board discussion that basically agreed with the financial success of working with the band. Brass players from PEB have already expressed a willingness to play for Messiah pieces. Reid will contact Pete Ellman regarding the possibility of future concerts. He proposed performing "Carmina Burana" for Spring 2024.

Outreach: Mikki would like to get the Outreach group going again. An accompanist is available. She will make an announcement at rehearsal and discuss the purpose of the group. Mikki has agreed to be the organizer.

Communications: Rodger brought up the need for an efficient way to notify cancellation of a rehearsal due to weather, etc.. He will send out information on a text platform.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The next Board meeting will be January 23rd at 6:15 pm.