

The Phoenix Symphony Chorus Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting: October 11, 2015
Home of Tom and Jeanne Bookhout

Attendees: Marilou Baxter, Jeanne Bookhout, Tom Bookhout, Erin Entringer, Brittanie Fain, Wendy Gould, Katie Jones, Huntington Keith, Jane Kniffen, Brian Matas, Jerry Palmer, Dan Russ, Stephanie Seigla, Lynn Traverse, Diane Van Dyke

The meeting was called to order by Brian Matas at 5:01.

Commitment Forms:

- 99% of commitment forms have been received from singers through the Poulenc run.
- Spreadsheets are still in progress. Many thanks to Diane, Wendy, and Brittanie for all their help reorganizing emails, commitment forms, and singer information.
- Discussions are still in place for when the spring season actually starts. If singers are singing in Poulenc but not in Pops or Messiah, they still need to come to rehearsals. Section Reps should let all singers know that we are rehearsing Poulenc in the fall because there are only 2 rehearsals once we get back in January.
- Section Representatives should fill out the attendance sheet weekly using the following format:
 - A (unexcused absence – i.e. singer has not given notice of absence prior to rehearsal)
 - P (present)
 - E (excused absence – i.e. singer has either filled out NO on the commitment form or emailed/texted/filled out excuse form prior to rehearsal beginning)

Library Report:

- All Beethoven scores have been returned
- We currently do not have Bocelli music

Treasurer Report:

- All refunds have been processed from the Carnegie trip
- The only money that came out was for Polo shirts
- Current Balance: \$14, 508.94

Tickets:

- From Andy: The chorus will receive 50% off Classics, Pops, Family, and Scottsdale series and any show the chorus is participating in. This excludes all special events, legend series, and price D tickets.
- If purchasing 50% off tickets the chorus member must purchase them and there is a limit to 4 per performance run.
- All chorus members are invited to call patron services

- THE CHORUS WILL NOT BE OFFERED COMPELEMENTARY TICKETS
- Brian will meet with Andy to discuss a discount for Messiah tickets. More details to come.

Follow-up:

- New Chorus photo:
 - The chorus may arrange to do that on our own
 - A place that is iconic to the City of Phoenix was mentioned
 - Will discuss with Andy a budget for a potential picture.
- Rehearsal Venue:
 - North Phoenix Baptist Church had a time problem and we have not heard back from the venue
 - Tom will be looking into options for Roosevelt Church.
- TPSC Business Cards for Advisory Council:
 - We are waiting for the logo and the usage rights from the Symphony
- Promotional Items and Marketing:
 - Potential marketing for Messiah
 - Looking into asking Andy or someone at the symphony to talk with news networks to see if there any marketing opportunities that the choir can be involved in

New Business:

- Do we want to do anything between the end of March and August to fill the void of rehearsals and concerts?
 - Travelling to various parts of the state that normally do not hear what we do.
 - Sing in the schools – would fit with the symphony’s educational model
 - An all a capella program
 - First Friday (April/May)
 - Concert of all Hispanic Music – potentially for Cinco de Mayo
 - Indian Steele Park (4th of July Celebration)
 - Have a few of our chorus members who are composers compose a few pieces for the choir to sing
 - Quartets/Octets to go out into the community and sing 40s/50s songs to nursing homes – community outreach that chorus could constantly be doing throughout the season
- Music for next season
 - Still in the works
 - Tom and Tito to discuss at a later date
- Tipping the Bus Driver
 - Discussing with Andy
 - Need to see if its already part of the bus drivers contract

- Necklaces for the Ladies
 - Designed by people in the chorus
 - To be discussed at a later date
 - Wendy to follow up

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 by Brian Matas, Seconded by Erin Entringer