

**The Phoenix Symphony Chorus Advisory Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting: April 3, 2016**  
**Host: Marilou Baxter**

Attendees: Joel Auernheimer, Marilou Baxter, Jeanne Bookhout, Tom Bookhout, Erin Entringer, Wendy Gould, Lynn Jech, Katie Jones, David Kahrs, Huntington Keith, Tim Kellar, Jane Kniffen, Brian Matas, Jerry Palmer, Susie Phillips, Lisa Rolland-Keith, DanRuss, Ivylyn Scott, Lynne Traverse, Diane Van Dyke, Stephanie Seigla, Christine Young

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Thank you to the Baxter family for hosting

Brian Matas welcomed all our new incoming TPSC Council members Lisa, David, Ivylyn, Lynn, and Joel.

The Council extends grateful thanks to outgoing Council members Jerry Palmer, and Tim Keller, with appreciation for all the time, input and hard work they have devoted to the Chorus.

**Library Report:**

Chorus members may keep Stravinsky music all summer if they wish, or may turn it in for safekeeping. Music will be reissued at the first rehearsal in August. Diane will ask the Symphony office which Mozart edition we will be using and report.

**Action Items:**

Section Reps should inform library Staff when people leave the chorus so that music can be collected. It is very difficult to collect the music once a singer has departed.

**Final rehearsals:**

April 11 and April 18

**Action Items:**

Section reps should send reminder of final dates, and music return option. If chorus members would like to buy their own music, please be sure it is the same

edition. The correct publisher and edition is on the web site. Other editions are known to contain errors.

### **Tentative first rehearsal:**

The last Monday in August (29th) is targeted as the first rehearsal for the 16/17 season. The first concert run is Sept. 23, 24, 25.

### **Auditions:**

Tom has mentioned to Brian and Wendy that May 2 will be an audition date since rehearsal has been cancelled. It was suggested we send invitation to Musicfest singers through their Chorus Manager, David Hulin. It was discussed how important it is that the level of commitment be communicated to new singers. The Symphony web site outlines audition requirements. Another audition will be held in mid-August: 15th or 22nd. or before rehearsal.

### **Action Item:**

Section Reps should put the word out that singers should invite potential chorus members to audition.

Brian will write an email, to be sent out by Section Reps, asking current chorus members what their plans are to return in the fall. We will need numbers by the end of April to inform the auditions.

### **Vienna**

Discussion: The trip is contemplated for the first half of June. Tom has reached out to the Symphony to inform them of this event. Fundraising for Chorus-specific activities has been turned down in the past because it may interfere from general Symphony fundraising. Former TPSC members are welcome to participate, which should be communicated through contacts and current members.

Programming: TPSC will have our own segment during the program. Second half will be a larger work joining with other choirs. The next announcement should include a reminder that group members should check their passports and renew if necessary. It will take longer than usual, and the passport cannot expire within 6 months of travel. We will need to form a committee, brainstorm. It was suggested that we should remind chorus season will extend beyond last concerts in March to prepare for Vienna.

**Action Item:**

Brian will be information gatherer and bring back details to the council.

**End of season party:**

Rentals have been determined with discounts from Christine's rental company contacts. Current RSVP's: 61 yes, 3 Maybe, 23 No's. 63 have not responded and we need RSVP's. The party will be "awesome!"

**Action Item:**

Erin will send a reminder to RSVP in the interest of letting party planners know the numbers and ask what people are bringing.

**Photo shoot April 10:**

Be aware the Botanical Gardens light exhibit is ongoing and there are crowds. Parking will be difficult. Meet at the front - be early - photo time is limited and will begin at 4:30. Spouses/guests should plan to pay their own way.

**Action Items:**

Section Reps should forward reminder re Photo Shoot time, parking, carpool recommendation, and spouse/guest information to their sections.

**Treasury:**

There is an overage of the cost for the New York travelers of approximately \$89 per person. There is also money remaining for the Dan Forrest commission. Tom has suggested we use that fund to record the piece for Dan's publisher to utilize in promotion. Money donated in 2015 can no longer be utilized for a tax deduction, plus we are not a separate 501(c)3 and cannot verify donations separate from the Symphony.

**Action Item:**

Lynne will craft an email offering return of those funds with an option to donate to the general Chorus Fund for the benefit of Chorus activities.

Brian will check with Tom to verify whether it is too late to plan a recording using funds donated by Chorus members for the commission of the Forrest piece.

**Website:**

Lisa will be reviewing the web site for ownership and possible changes during the summer.

**Handbook:**

Each Council member should review the handbook during the summer for possible updates, revisions or clarifications.

**Action Item:**

Deadline for Handbook review will be July 1 deadline. Lynne will send out reminders every 1st of month. The historic concert list also needs to be updated.

**Symphony Season Subscriber Discount:**

It was confirmed that the Symphony has discontinued discounted season subscriptions for chorus (and all other entities who were eligible for this discount). Single ticket discounts will still be available.

**Action Item:**

Wendy will send out the email she prepared on this topic to the Section Reps for distribution.

**Open Discussion:**

Lynn Jech mentioned that she has been using [www.songlearning.com](http://www.songlearning.com) to learn choral works for many years. This site is similar to Cyberbass but has more repertoire. She mentioned that for her order, the company would donate learning MP3 downloads for all TPSC tenors. Further, if a person from each part purchased one (\$12), the company would do likewise for all parts. The MP3 features the section part with other parts in the background, similar to Cyberbass.

Brian honored Wendy, who now will assume the Chorus Presidency.

Meeting adjourned - 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Traverse, Recording Secretary