

The Phoenix Symphony Chorus Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting: May 21, 2017

Hosts: Jeanne and Tom Bookhout

Attendees: Wendy Gould, Joel Auernheimer, Dan Russ, Marilou Baxter, Erin Entringer, Lynn Jech, David Kahrs, Huntington Keith, John Vousden, Jane Kniffen, Brian Matas, Lisa Rolland-Keith, Dan Russ, Ivylyn Scott, Diane Van Dyke, Stephanie Seigla, Christine Young, Tia Coates, Stephen Hwang, Tom Bookhout, Chorusmaster; Malia Arguello, Symphony Representative

Wendy Gould called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Upcoming Concerts:

Faure Requiem

- To take place on 5/31 at 11am. Call time is 10:30am. Number is 62
- Food will be served. Headcount for that is 45, relayed to symphony. Jeanne Herberger arranged this.
- The concert will last 90 minutes; it cannot go beyond 12:30pm.
- Formal attire, orchestra will be in tails
- Rehearsal on 5/30 at 6:30pm, call is 6pm
- No Chorus rehearsal 5/29. Council appeared to be deeply disappointed.
- Plenty of parking passes – quite a few have been accumulated. Section leaders please return extras to Wendy and Joel after the Faure concert.

Rehearsal

- CUMC is confirmed for rehearsals up to 6/05.
- Discussed Plan B for 6/12 if CUMC not available. Possibility of Tom's school.
- The last rehearsal prior to Vienna Concert Trip will not be an open rehearsal.
- Once the details are confirmed, information will be emailed to the chorus members going to Vienna.

Next Season

- CUMC is confirmed as the rehearsal location for next season after negotiations with TPS.
- We're losing 5 Altos, 2 Basses and 3 Sopranos. Not losing any tenors.
- Still waiting to get dates for the Chorus-only concerts (2).
- As of right now, the TPSC concerts are as follows with exact dress rehearsal dates to be announced:

Date(s)	Venue	Work
Oct. 18-21	Mesa Arts Center	Beethoven <i>Symphony No. 9</i>
Nov. 29-Dec.3	Symphony Hall	Holiday Pops
Dec. 5-10	Multiple venues	Handel <i>Messiah</i>
May 11-12	Symphony Hall	Brahms <i>Requiem</i>
13-May	Prescott	Brahms <i>Requiem</i>
TBD	TBD	Choir solo concert 1
TBD	TBD	Choir solo concert 2

- A reminder that the Prescott date for Brahms is on Mother's Day
- Repertoire has not been chosen yet for the Chorus-only concerts, however first one likely to be the music from the Vienna Chorus Trip.

- Although Chorus doing a little less this next season with the Orchestra, it opened up the opportunity to perform concerts highlighting just the Chorus.

Chorus master report: Tom

- Over beginning of summer, send out away that people can audition digitally. Tom will choose repertoire picked for each part (something uniform for anyone). He will identify the “core” of the Chorus in the vocal rehearsals, placement and elimination if needed.
- New member auditions TBA after confirming amount of parts needed.
- Emphasis needs to be that members should be in the concerts that they’re told they need to be in. Will try to get information on who is in which concerts more in advance (for the smaller ensembles).
- Malia added that music rental is 2 weeks ahead.

Section Representative report

- Attendance issues: anyone violating the policy needs to be brought to Tom’s attention.
- Please keep section reps apprised of actual concert dates to get word out quickly
- A “welcome” meeting / new member orientation ahead of or at first rehearsal was suggested. Tia suggested a “new member mixer” to make people feel welcome.
- Section representatives will “cc” other parts’ section reps on emails being sent out to provide new ideas and reminders.

Webmaster / IT Report:

- Lisa confirmed that we can use website domain for emails at \$4.08 per month. Exploring the idea of officer specific emails that would be passed off as office changes. (ie: President@tpsc.org)
- Lisa and Dan will be look at the site/domain package we currently have.
- Everyone continue to make the website destination for new and prospective members
- Section leaders elicit community events from their sections to be shared on the website.
- Lisa announced she may be leaving in January due to moving , and may need to “pass the baton” prior to season end.

Treasury report:

- Current balance is \$7037.81 with all MidAmerica payments made.
- Tom’s proposal for TPSC owned sound system for rehearsals that could be considered. Joel had a suggestion to be considered, including a wireless headset.
- Lisa’s husband is a sound engineer and offered to provide some professional assistance in choosing a system.
- Diane motioned to grant TPSC to spend up to \$500 for sound equipment. Erin seconded the motion. During discussion of motion, the point was made that a wireless headset alone can be up to \$1000. Will be review and brought to Council.

Library report: Diane

- Still waiting to get all the Mozart scores returned.
- Request for new member orientation to include the library costs for missing music or music not turned back in.

- TPSC librarians try to turn all the music in at one time, not partially.

Social report: Christine

- Discussed the successful end of year soiree; everyone reported having a great time
- A thank you note to the Stinnetts for graciously hosting in such a lovely venue
- Christine handing off Social Chair duties to Tia and will continue to share ideas

Vienna Trip Committee:

- Itineraries sent and rooming assignments are completed.
- Plane seat assignments are already issued as well
- Brian will be checking in people at the airport versus the Committee roster
- Ralph collecting the money for the messenger bags tomorrow night at rehearsal \$19@, 75 ordered.
- Stephanie motioned to use trip funds not spoken for, for travel tags (approximately \$100); Marilou seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Attire: bow ties in Vienna, long black ties in Poland for men; women will wear concert dress both locations.
- The Vienna concert is free and open to the public.

Closing:

Tom offered a word of thanks to the Council members and a special thank you for Malia as a wonderful TPS liaison.

Adjourned at 7:02pm