

**The Phoenix Symphony Chorus Advisory Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting: November 19, 2017**  
**Host: Katie Jones**

**Attendees** (in yellow): **Joel Auernheimer, Tom Bookhout, Tia Coates, Erin Entringer, Wendy Gould, Steven Hwang, Lynn Jech, Katie Jones, David Kahrs, Karen Martin, Adriana Martinez, Susie Phillips, Lisa Rolland-Keith, Dan Russ, Ivylyn Scott,** Stephanie Seigla, Lynne Traverse, **Diane Van Dyke, John Vousden,** Malia Arguello, Symphony Representative

Joel Auernheimer called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

**Holiday Pops and Messiah**

Dan is working on seating charts

Fri. and Sat. night of Pops are over by 3-5 people – likely will resolve themselves (illness, etc.) Have been told we can fit 127 on stage.

Dan to send out lists of who is singing each night for both concerts.

Ralph offering to make red ties or pocket squares for the men.

Would need to check with TPS before proceeding. As time is short, save the idea and discuss for next year.

Passing out women's scarves: planning for the Monday before Pops. (Before rehearsal/during break/after rehearsal.)

Emergency bags

Needed, but shouldn't be Susie's burden alone.

2 suitcases, men/women – outfits (tux shirts, ties, women's top), extra folders/music. Cough drops, over-the-counter drugs. Consider buying new luggage for the purpose.

Email to new members with Messiah sits/stands – which are also on the website.

Lisa has added the Pops concert order to the website, too.

Need to confirm Sunday/matinee dress for men with TPS – Joel to check with Malia.

Dan needs layout for American Lutheran from Malia.

(Susie and Diane guess 3 rows of 20)

**Harry Potter 2**

Plan to include more women to lighten the load a little.

Tom is in the process now of watching the movie, marking the score, making recordings.

Dec. 11 & 18 rehearsals after Messiah will be women-only. All women should plan to be there. TPS ordered enough scores for everyone.

To Malia – please can we get the chorus higher/above the gongs for HP2

(11/27 email from Malia: She will try, but then the challenge is to make sure the screen doesn't become a line-of-sight issue for higher rows to see the conductor.)

### **Programs**

Names in program – Katie has been in touch, hoping our changes will be made correctly.

Lisa has updated member names on the website.

### **Directory**

Lisa still working on it; could start asking people for pictures.

Picture night? Vic volunteered to take them (back in June).

### **Treasury**

\$6,303.26

### **Donation**

Got the OK from TPS/Jim to buy choir management software. Likely to take this year to set up, would be ready for next year. Start in January.

With understanding that we have money for certain number of years; after that Jim doesn't want it to stop being used.

Joel to check in with Malia about how to handle payments.

### **Social chair**

Holiday Pops group meal TGI Fridays – reservation made, deposit paid

Holiday Party at the Ernsts' house.

Theme night – holiday sweaters – Nov. 27.

Gift for the Ernsts – cleaning service for after the party? Gift card? Flowers? Tia to get paper goods – or divide among council.

Remind members to check their Evite. Can bring guests.

Need an end time. Check with Susie.

### **Library**

Beethoven all turned in.

Singers have all Pops music.

### **Tom**

Have asked Tito to consider cancelling our Messiah piano rehearsal due to the heavy Pops schedule this year.

New people – keep making a real effort to include new people in everything. Wear nametags. Personal encouragement to come to social events. We want to keep them – they're really good! Tom has gotten a lot of positive feedback.

Concerned they may feel unprepared, esp. for Messiah. Offer tips or resources, e.g. Cyberbass link.

Tom would like to know from section reps how many people have never done it before.

Pick-up rehearsal? Perhaps by section.

Joel to talk everyone through the next few weeks, emphasizing Pops concert times.

Concert etiquette reminder.

**Next meeting**

Jan. 21 – the Bookhouts will host.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.