

## **TPSC Minutes of joint new and retiring members Council Meeting, May 3, 2015**

The last meeting of the 2014-15 Phoenix symphony chorus Council was held at the home of Paula Strano Isobe. Present were retiring and incoming council members...Tim Kellar, Brian Matas, Tom Bookhout , Paula Strano Isobe, Lynne Traverse, Jeanne Bookhout, Wendy Rose Gould, Ellwood Cushman, Dan Russ, Dan Morson, Erin Entringer, Bonnie,Kasten, Emily Toesing, Diane VanDyke, Huntington Keith, Marilou Baxter, Katie Jones, Stephanie Vargas, Christine Young, Jerry Palmer; absent were Bob Goulstone, Tom Cunningham, Brittanie Fain.

Librarian's report: Diane still has outstanding borrowed copies of the Lord Nelson Mass from chorus members who didn't go to New York. Chorus members will turn in their Paulus copies as well.

Social report: The schedule for after performance get togethers will be distributed. There will be an end of year party at the home of Steve Hwang on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The cost will be \$15 per person for the catering. Everyone is asked to bring their own drinks. Please pay Erin. Chorus members will receive an Evite which they are asked to respond to.

New York report: The New York performance at Carnegie Hall was to a full house and was met with a standing ovation. Everything went smoothly and Tom did an outstanding conducting job. Dan Forrest wants us to do a controlled taping with a metronome that he can use for his marketing purposes. The recording may be sometime in May.

Old business: Ellwood has made changes to our Members Handbook. These have been approved by the Council. Tim will send Bonnie an approved copy to be typed into the Handbook.

The Council President will send an official thank you to MCP from us. We will officially thank Rick, Emily, and Wendy for their work as the committee that made it all possible for us to go to New York.

New business: Replay performance only requires 60 choristers and there are only small pieces of music. Tom will announce who is going to sing in that performance soon.

Upcoming performances: The maximum number of choristers for the Scottsdale Center for the Arts will be announced; as there are different numbers needed for each of the different works to be performed, people need to be flexible and willing to move off and onto the stage easily. All of us will be needed for the performances on Friday and Saturday at Symphony Hall and only about 50 choristers are signed up for the Prescott performance on Sunday afternoon. Tom will ask for additional people to go to Prescott.

Next year's Symphony Chorus ideas: Tom has been approached by another choral production company about taking people to Vienna. He will be looking into possibilities for the chorus outside of our normal symphony schedule for the future.

The first concert of the 2015-16 season is the Beethoven 9<sup>th</sup> symphony on September 18-19, 2015. We will have at least one rehearsal in August.

We will need to send out a commitment form to the chorus members to determine who plans to sing in the fall. The commitment form will be stated firmly for fall, but we will then ask again for commitments mid-year as people's schedules change.

Brian and Katie Jones will help Tim update the symphony website.

We will look for alternative places in the center of Phoenix to rehearse.

The joint meeting ended at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be in the fall.