

The Phoenix Symphony Chorus Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting: August 23, 2015

Home of Diane Van Dyke

Attendees: Marilou Baxter, Jeanne Bookhout, Tom Bookhout, Tom Cunningham, Erin Entringer, Brittanie Fain, Wendy Gould, Katie Jones, Huntington Keith, Tim Kellar, Brian Matas, Jerry Palmer, Dan Russ, Lynne Traverse, Diane Van Dyke, Stephanie Seigla, Christine Young, Andy Campbell (Symphony Rep)

The meeting was called to order by Brian Matas at 5:03p.m.

Auditions/New Members

13 New members have been enrolled from the auditions on August 17th (16 singers auditioned). Thank you to Tom and Larry.

Auditions will be closed in two weeks. Using a digital recording submitted before Mondays auditions worked well.

Badges will be distributed at the second rehearsal.

Commitment forms

Commitment forms will be sent out this week and members will be asked to verify all information, including contact info, when they sang their first TPSC performance (seniority), height (in concert shoes), as well as availability.

This Commitment Form will extend through the Poulenc concerts, since rehearsals for Poulenc will commence during the fall. Brittanie will send a second Commitment Form for the spring semester.

Attendance decisions regarding those singers not available to rehearse Poulenc during the fall will be made after the Beethoven run.

This year response choices for availability will include only yes or no (no maybe's). Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances, and say yes unless they are certain they have a solid conflict. Once they are sure they have a conflict, they should let section reps know as soon as possible.

Labor day will be off day, unless more rehearsal seems necessary.

Treasury Report

The current balance in the Chorus account is \$14,705.94

There are still people who traveled to New York who must be reimbursed. An announcement will be made at rehearsal and Lynne will be available to write checks to those who are still owed.

There is a balance remaining from Forrest commission donations of \$5,129.76. The Council will discuss possible uses for these funds at a later meeting, but donors will be asked to approve further use of these funds prior to our committing to any specific projects.

Library

We have 130 Beethoven scores. Diane is matching score numbers with the same people from 2 years ago to ease the marking of scores. She is assigning newer copies to our new members.

We already have 50 copies of the Poulenc scores

Nothing yet for holiday pops or Bocelli

FB Accounts

There are currently two outstanding TPSC Face Book accounts. Tom Bookhout manages the primary account and the 2nd is a closed group; Erin will ask Bonnie Kasten and others who owns it and see if we can close.

Council voted to close the second TPSC Face Book account when ownership is determined.

New Items

Meetings were held with Andy Campbell and Brian, Wendy and Lynne during the summer. Andy has been supportive of all things chorus. Subjects we have discussed include:

Orange bow ties for the opening concert (Symphony will buy)

New Chorus photos – September? We need new photos to reflect the current chorus members and changing demographics

Different rehearsal venues

Singing the National Anthem at a sporting event. Tom will call the Suns and Diamondbacks to check. We want to have an opportunity when just the Chorus participates (not a mass choir).

Consider singing at Phoenix Children's Hospital - would be good plus positive from a marketing perspective

TPSC business cards for the Council (Symphony will design and pay for)

Pops/Messiah promo on local TV

Additionally, Tom has agreed we will participate in the Hayden Coffee Classic Concert (Friday morning of Hayden run). A smaller contingent of the Chorus will sing to accommodate work schedules.

Additional New Items

Consider bringing a digital piano to Mesa and other smaller venue concerts that do not have a piano for warm ups.

Brian thanked Lynne for cleaning up the Chorus bank account and Katie for doing such a great job of rewording our promotional pieces for the web site.

Tom suggested we consider an ad in the ÀCDA AZ newsletter. Purpose would be branding, promoting season and announcing auditions. Brian will check into it.

Orientation will occur before second rehearsal for new members.

Brian will introduce council members before break at first rehearsal.

Tom Cunningham will not participate this fall due to health issues. A temporary replacement for his Section Rep position will be sought.

Next Meetings

Sunday, October 11th (No September Meeting)– Hosts: Tom and Jeanne Bookhout

Sunday, November 8th – Host: Brian Matas (tentative)

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Traverse (filling in for Brittanie Fain)