

**The Phoenix Symphony Chorus Advisory Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting: September 19, 2016**  
**Host: Diane Van Dyke**

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

Wendy Gould called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Concert week**

Tom will finalize the Prescott roster and announce Monday

Tom will also determine whether those who cannot come to the one orchestra dress rehearsal will be able to participate.

The church parking areas are undergoing renovation, and the bus pick up location for Sunday must be moved. The Symphony office is checking and will let us know this week where the bus pickup will be.

The Symphony will allow chorus members to sit in the audience during the second half of the concert on Friday and Saturday. There will be a sign-up sheet available on Monday.

**Library:**

Music Check in/distribution: We have some holiday music coming in which will be passed out during the first rehearsal after Prescott.

Chichester Psalms will also be distributed immediately

Stravinsky music should be returned after each singer's last concert.

**Action Item:**

Section leaders need to send Diane an email whenever someone has dropped from the original season roster.

**Treasury:**

The current balance in the Chorus account is \$6,963.52

All but three New York hotel refunds have been accounted for. Those remaining refunds total \$534.00.

## **Social:**

Regional dinners are proposed during November to assist in carpool connections for Messiah.

Open rehearsal night /November 14. Note because of limited parking, chorus members with visitors will be encouraged to carpool with their guests. Having dessert night that night will add to the social occasion.

Halloween – Parents may be out that night to trick or treat with their children. Ask for a show of hands at rehearsal.

First Theme night 9/26 - Music night - fan tshirts, musical notes, etc.

Choir Member of the Month – First to be named: 10/3 (Ralph Klingensmith)

Write a note to your neighbor - October

November football viewing event

December - bubble wrap event

December – Friday’s Front Row has been reserved for Holiday Pops Saturday (between shows). The \$100 reservation fee will be covered by Chorus account. TJIFriday has lowered their usual \$200 fee for us.

## **TPSC website:**

Our request for funding the URL prompted the symphony to ask for another marketing review. The office would like the meeting minutes to be password protected.

There was a discussion regarding whether we can leave the meeting minutes off the web site and distribute them in another way to save the extra money required for password protection. The instrumentalists have a page accessed through the current symphony website that is entirely password protected. Our website includes information important to the public, and we would prefer it be separate but linked to the PSO site. It was suggested language supportive to the Phoenix Symphony be added to each page of the website.

The Symphony needs to review the site again and let us know the process. Malia will inquire Monday 9/19.

**Vienna:**

Wendy spoke to David Thye, who is the sales rep for mid-America and our primary contact.

- For every 30 packages sell we will get 1 free. We need to determine how to distribute those packages and whether the price can be lowered instead of sending specific singers for free.
- The first payment is due November 15th.
- Insurance is not offered with the package. David said insurance would have to go through our travel agent.
- Refunds are not available.
- It might be difficult to add new singers after the first payment deadline. If someone drops out someone could take the spot.
- This is a land package only - Air travel is our concern.
- Tom is finalizing the committee and will let us know this week who will participate.

**Symphony Report :** Concert week – there is a large break between the first and second piece for this concert (massive instrument change). We may need to load the chorus on stage at top of concert.

The chorus needs to promote this concert - encourage chorus members to each sell 5 tickets. We want to demonstrate the presence of the chorus assists ticket sales.

**Next meetings:**

October 9th - Marilou Baxter

November 13th - Brian Matas

Meeting adjourned - 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Traverse, Recording Secretary/Treasurer