

Minutes of Octavo Singers Board Meeting held on August 11, 2021

called to order at 4:32 pm

Attendees present via zoom: Judy Israel, Katie Rose, Diane Deacon, Chris Yost, Dave Roberts, Wendy Luft, Nina Kryzak, Meg Eckhardt

- I. Minutes for July 14, 2021 meeting were adopted by unanimous vote.
- II. Treasurers Report –Wendy 's report showed activity since July 1. Wendy stated that Curtis had submitted a budget to her of \$24,620 for the 3 concerts we had planned for this coming season. There was a general discussion about the costs associated with the budget. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed unanimously. Wendy also mentioned that our insurance payment is due in August.
- III. Summer Sing update – It was decided to cancel plans for a summer sing due to mask restrictions and increasing covid transmission rates.
- IV. Messiah update – St. John's confirmed December 4-5 for our dress rehearsal and concert, with concert start time of 2 pm.
Fall concert – Diane stated that we do not have a location at this point. St John's will not let us book anything more at this time. Diane has considered other locations. Mohonasen H.S. is a possibility for a spring concert. They charge \$600 on a Sunday and have risers available that hold chairs. If we could have dress rehearsal at a church then possibly the total costs make this a viable alternative, more cost effective than some other places and there is good parking. Another possible venue is Liberty church on Albany St. It is a good size and has good amount of parking. !st Reformed might also be a possibility.
There is no update on getting a zoom account.
Diane says Venmo can't take credit card donations so it is not likely a good option for us.
- V. Fundraiser options – Diane suggested the possibility of an online silent auction. Other groups have done this. We need to rethink fundraising possibilities.
Grants – Nina is willing to help transition to a new Grants person. Diane will discuss some options with Danielle, and is looking for ideas from others.
Sing Along Messiah – Diane felt that this might not be a good idea for this season given the covid situation. It is a parking lot item for now.
Carrot Festival – Judy stated that they are still planning to hold this event as far as she knows.
- VI. There was a general discussion about the realities of covid and whether it will be feasible to move forward with plans for this fall. It was decided that there were too many unknowns regarding covid, mask wearing, rehearsal and concert venue availability, and orchestra availability. The general feeling was that unless a miracle happens, we probably aren't having a fall concert. Diane will have a conversation with Curtis about this. We are still hoping for the best with regard to having a Messiah or Spring concert.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 1 at 4:30 pm.

Octavo Singers June 30, 2021
Actual Revenue/Expenses July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Bank Balances June 30, 2020												\$ 31,027.57	
											Activity Through 6/11/2021	Activity 6/12/2021 - 6/30/2021	Total
Add: Revenue													
	Donations									\$ 6,373.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 6,678.00	
	Interest									\$ 28.82	\$ 3.11	\$ 31.93	
	Amazon Smile									\$ 155.98		\$ 155.98	
	Boscovs									\$ 45.64		\$ 45.64	
	Hannaford Community Bag Program									\$ 183.00		\$ 183.00	
	GE Foundation matching Funds									\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00	
	Sale of Octavo Totes									\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	
	Refund of Messiah Rent									\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	
	Total									\$ 8,018.44	\$ 308.11	\$ 8,634.55	
Less: Expenditures													
	The Hartford									\$ 1,015.00		\$ 1,015.00	
	Curtis Funk									\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	
	Trevor Kahlbaugh									\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	
	Fat Cow									\$ 319.60		\$ 319.60	
	Paypal/credit card fees									\$ 107.78	\$ 3.47	\$ 111.25	
	Kenneth Rudolph									\$ 234.50		\$ 234.50	
	Eastern NY AGO									\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00	
	USPS									\$ 496.00		\$ 496.00	
	Mail'n More									\$ 67.84		\$ 67.84	
	NYS Department of Law									\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	
	Schenectady Historical Society									\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	
	Donations									\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00	
	TechSoup									\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00	
	Ocean State Job Lot										\$ 99.86	\$ 99.86	
	Music & Arts										\$ 49.99	\$ 49.99	
	Total									\$ 5,810.72	\$ 153.32	\$ 5,964.04	\$ 2,670.51
Bank Balances June 30, 2021													\$ 33,698.08
	Checking									\$ 32,806.92			
	Saving									\$ 846.16			
	petty cash									\$ -			
	Receivable									\$ 45.00			\$ 33,698.08

Note 1: Not included in the Income above is the \$500 grant from Golub Foundation received last Spring