

Minutes of Octavo Singers Board Meeting held on February 16, 2022

called to order at 4:33 pm

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

- I. Minutes for January 5, 2022, meeting were adopted by unanimous vote.
- II. Treasurers Report – Wendy mentioned that we have received more donations. She purchased a one year zoom subscription for Octavos. The motion to accept the Treasurer’s report passed unanimously.
- III. Planning for next months – Rehearsal locations: Diane says Liberty Church has room to spread out but only have electric piano. The other possibility is FRC, which has a grand piano, and room to spread out.
We have no performance venue for a March 27 Messiah. FRC still requires masks currently. Other possibilities - Immaculate Conception? St. Kateri on Rosa Road.? St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park? St. John the Evangelist is telling is that we can’t schedule anything at this time, they are backed up with weddings etc.
Diane says that Curtis looked at the numbers of potential singers from our survey and says we don’t have enough for any concert.
Union College costs money, approx. \$1400 was last quote, but it is not as much as SUNY Schenectady would cost, probably \$2,000+.
There was a general discussion about how or if we can move forward at this time. It was decided that Messiah is probably a no-go at this time. However, Diane will discuss with Curtis how many voices he feels would be the minimum needed, and whether he thought we could get “ringers” to help.
Parameters for going forward – rehearse with masks, perform without masks and have testing before the dress rehearsal/performance. Diane will also check CDC guidelines.
Diane thinks we may need to re-poll tenors and basses to see if we have changes in the numbers, to determine if we have enough to perform the Dvorak in May.
After some discussion it was determined that the dues per concert will be \$50 and \$95 if we do two concerts.
- IV. Schenectady CIP grant: Nina is willing to apply for this grant. She needs some assistance putting together numbers for this. The deadline is March 4 for this grant. Nina will look at it and see what she can do and discuss with Diane as needed.
- IV. Fundraisers - Diane reported that Glen Sanders says we will not get our \$350 back. Diane is still looking to do an on-line fundraiser, but it is taking longer than anticipated to pull together.

Next meeting scheduled for March 2, 2022, 4:30 pm. Meeting adjourned 6:04 pm

Octavo Singers February 15, 2022
Actual Revenue/Expenses July 1, 2021- February 15, 2022

Bank Balances June 30, 2021							\$ 33,698.08
					Activity Through 1/4/2022	Activity 1/5/22- 2/15/22	Total
Add: Revenue							
	Donations			\$ 4,680.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 6,000.00	
	Interest			\$ 15.92	\$ 2.98	\$ 18.90	
	Amazon Smile			\$ 68.41		\$ 68.41	
	Network for Good			\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	
	Chan Zuckerberg Initiative			\$ 971.00		\$ 971.00	
	Hoffman Car Wash				\$ 34.50	\$ 34.50	
	Total			\$ 5,755.33	\$ 1,357.48	\$ 7,112.81	
Less: Expenditures							
	Curtis Funk		<i>retainer</i>	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	
	Trevor Kahlbaugh		<i>retainer</i>	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00	
	Fat Cow		<i>website</i>	\$ 134.21		\$ 134.21	
	Paypal/credit card fees			\$ 75.46	\$ 3.95	\$ 79.41	
	The Hartford		<i>insurance</i>	\$ 1,015.00		\$ 1,015.00	
	Eastern NY AGO		<i>advertising</i>	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00	
	Mail 'N More		<i>printing</i>	\$ 62.65	\$ 11.50	\$ 74.15	
	USPS		<i>stamps</i>	\$ 232.00		\$ 232.00	
	NYS Department of Law		<i>NYS filing fee</i>	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	
	Schenectady Historical Society		<i>Festival of Trees</i>	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	
	Zoom & Tech Soup		<i>Zoom Subscription</i>		\$ 131.95	\$ 131.95	
	Total			\$ 3,859.32	\$ 147.40	\$ 4,006.72	\$ 3,106.09
Bank Balances February 15, 2022							\$ 36,804.17
	Checking			\$ 35,913.01			
	Saving			\$ 846.16			
	Receivable			\$ 45.00			\$ 36,804.17
Note Not included in the Income above is the \$500 grant from Schenectady County received Spring 2020							