

**MINUTES
OCTAVO SINGERS BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. Present were Diane Deacon, Deborah Pavlus, Judy Israel, Mel Wigler and Kate Kilmer. Pat Aycox was also present for the scholarship discussion. The treasurer's report was not done as Anik was unable to make the meeting.

It was noted that the minutes for the previous board meeting on October 11 had been approved and posted.

Scholarship

Timing

Diane made a motion to change the scholarship cycle from every year to every other year. Deb seconded the motion. During the discussion, it was noted that an every other year cycle should include high school juniors and seniors as applicants. The motion was so amended and seconded.

The motion was voted upon with Diane, Deb, Kate and Judy in favor and Mel opposed. The motion carried.

Pat stated that she wants to end her involvement with the scholarship and transition over this year. Therefore, it was agreed that we would not do a scholarship this year but take it up next year. Pat noted that Chris Rush is not really involved anymore and that there should be three persons assigned to the committee to execute duties such as updating teacher lists, writing, and follow up.

Amount

Diane moved the amount of the biennial scholarship be \$1000. Judy seconded the motion.

The motion was put to a vote with Diane, Deb, Judy Kate in favor and Mel abstaining. The motion carried.

Scholarship Winner Performance at Banquets

Diane moved that we establish that the scholarship winner will not be invited to sing at our spring post season functions but would be invited and encouraged to sing a movement with Octavos at the Spring concert assuming it is appropriate. Judy seconded the motion. Points raised during the discussion were that we do not get to

hear the winner's voice without performance and the winner may want to sing. Other points were that members want to visit rather than listen and winners would feel obligated if invited and they have so much on their plate at that time. It can also be a hardship to travel depending on the circumstances. Pat reiterated Curtis' point that to ask winners to sing perpetuates the idea that their performance is not worth payment.

The motion was voted on with Diane, Deb, Judy and Kate in favor and Mel opposed. The motion carried.

Concert Preparation

Deb advised that we have sufficient ticket takers and that Pat Angerosa will make a gift bag to be raffled off to those who give addresses. Diane mentioned selling 50 50 raffle tickets at the door. Deb will ask Pat if that might be possible but it would be too much for the ticket takers. It appears there is no room to do it for Messiah and Proctor's is unknown but they would likely get a cut.

Deb asked about spending approximately \$250 to get 2x4's to make risers at additional heights and to rent a u-haul type truck to haul and store the risers. This was agreed.

Kate agreed to drive the truck. Kate, Diane and Judy will assist Deb with screwing in the riser legs on Saturday. Judy obtained the assistance of her handyman to help also. The question came up as to why our previous movers were not considered. They were not considered because their performance was not acceptable at the last concert.

Deb advised that she is still badly in need of persons to help move the risers on Wednesday afternoon.

Octavo Banners/Runners

Kate presented samples of banner and tablecloth/runner material. It was decided that a tablecloth would be best. Kate will pursue this.

Bulk Mail

Judy learned that to bulk mail with Allegra printing we would be under their bulk mail permit. Kate asked Judy to price letter sizes and post card rates. Judy will follow up.

Brooks Barbecue

Diane relayed her conversation with our contact at Brooks Barbecue about the concerns raised about the event which were the time of year, lack of outside cooking, and a decentralized membership. The response was that this is done successfully year round and without outside cooking but the key is pre-sales. Diane was advised that if we chose to, we could bring dinners to various drop off points in the area. Also, the

response to Diane's request for membership input was slight but those three who did comment said that 200 dinners was a lot to break even, they would not come in to pick up a dinner and they would buy for the family but not hawk tickets. Diane will give a deadline in the Corner for comments.

Upcoming Members Meeting

Diane discussed a broad framework of the meeting. Each officer and the Producer (Deb) will explain what they do, what committees they oversee and encourage any needed recruitment for their committees. Anik will do a review of the finances hitting the high points and we will discuss that more when she is here. Diane will touch base with Curtis to discuss what he does that the chorus does not see in his absence.

Letter Samples

Judy asked that we provide her with solicitation letters that we get from other groups to be used as examples.

President's Letter in Program

Mel suggested that there be a president's letter in the program and was advised that this has been done.

Recognition of Membership

Mel recommended that we adopt a policy whereby a person who has been with Octavos 45 years will get some sort of recognition and be exempt from dues for the remainder of the membership. It was agreed that the board would give this thought and the matter would be on the agenda for next month.

Purchases

Kate noted that it is much cheaper to buy on Amazon than at Staples where we have an account. It was agreed that she would look into that.

Diane moved to adjourn and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45.

THE NEXT MEETING may be moved as Diane needs to be out of town on the usual date. THE MEETING DATE WILL BE DETERMINED