

Minutes of Octavo Singers Board Meeting held on November 1, 2022

called to order at 9:36 am

Attendees present via zoom: Wendy Luft, Diane Deacon, Judy Israel, Katie Rose, Nina Kryzak, Dave Roberts, Andrew Burger, Kate Kilmer

Absent: Chris Yost

- I. Minutes from the Octavo Singers Board meetings held on September 27, 2022, and October 5, 2022, and October 18, 2022 were approved unanimously.
- II. Diane raised the issue of Octavos having a tree decorated for the Schenectady Festival of trees. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the group wanted to go ahead with this project.
- III. Budget – We'll assume that there will be 2 concerts this year: Messiah and Brahms requiem vs. Poulenc for the spring concert. Diane says the Poulenc would cost approx. \$500 less, but the Brahms would likely be more popular. Diane put forth a Motion: That we adopt the budget for fiscal year 2022-23 with inclusion of the Brahms Requiem as the spring concert. This motion passed unanimously. The spring concert will be held April 30, 2023, at St. Pious X in Loudonville. When Diane announces this to the members, she will encourage them to plan on that date. She will also explain the registration fees. The Board agreed on fees for the spring concert as follows: \$55 for new members, and \$50 for members who registered for Messiah concert (fall 2022).
- IV. Caroling: We ran out of binders (35 were printed), so there was a good response from members. Wendy says she has ½ dozen empty binders that could be used. Andrew feels confident that the caroling will work ok. He would prefer the Schenectady location for a gig on December 3.
- V. Fundraiser: Judy has been checking out locations. Diane and Judy will meet this week to pin the details down. Donor letters: Diane will prepare letters similar to what we did during the pandemic.
- VI. Messiah: Concert dress has been covered. Dave brought up the issue that probably not all the men have the specific red ties needed for concert dress. Diane stated that she ordered some red ties from Amazon. Ticket takers – We have some volunteers. Comp tickets? – Diane will check with Chris Yost on what we did in the past regarding comp tickets. The Board agreed that we need to further advertise our testing procedures required before the concert. Andrew suggested the following announcements be put in the next email: Reiterate the dress code, including Black jacket required for men and that red ties are available for those who do not have them. Also, send out the cyberbass link again. Wendy suggested we get poinsettias for the concert. Wendy said she would check with Deb Pavlus about how this was handled in the past. Diane mentioned that we need lists of all musicians to check vaccinations, and for payments, W-9s, etc.

At 10:48 am the Board meeting was concluded and the Board then moved into executive session.

