

Minutes of Octavo Singers Board Meeting held on March 16, 2023

called to order at 3:19 pm

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

Absent: Chris Yost

- I. Minutes from Octavos Board meeting held on February 14, 2023, and Executive session held March 14, 2023 were approved unanimously.
- II. No Treasurer's Report this meeting – Wendy mentioned that ticket money is coming in for both the Gala and Brahm's concert.
- III. Fall Concert – Diane and Andrew visited 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Schenectady and had a discussion with Gary, the facilities manager, regarding negotiation of a fee. 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed base fee is \$500/day plus \$125 maintenance so it would be \$1250 for a dress rehearsal and concert. As a negotiation, we could give them tickets (12?) , a full page ad in our program, and we would do our own set up of chairs and risers. Diane would like to offer \$500 with a max. of \$800. Diane reminded the group that Union College will not discuss next fall concert options until at least June.
- IV. Spring 2023 concert – The orchestra will begin at 3 pm for the 4 pm concert. This will allow for last-minute rehearsals and cover the orchestra time requirement. There was a discussion about COVID testing requirements for this concert. Testing will be required before the last two rehearsals, April 17 & 24, and also before the dress rehearsal April 27. Diane is considering possibly having a testing requirement before the concert on April 29. Andrew says he might get either 1 or 2 paid "ringers" to sing for the spring concert.
- V. Ticket prices for next year – There was some discussion about this. It is difficult to know what price might be too much. It was decided not to increase prices at this time.
- VI. Gala Update – Members have signed up to help. Diane calculated \$32 per board member donation to Gala to cover 4 tickets for Andrew, his accompanist, and their guests.
- VII. Meeting adjourned to executive session at 4:11 pm

