

OCTAVO SINGERS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM

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

I. The minutes for the November 3, 2021 meeting , as edited by Diane, were adopted by unanimous vote.

II. Treasurer's Report. Wendy advised that we received a couple donations, amounting to \$175, plus \$69 from Amazon Smile. We had expenditures of \$58 for postage and \$25 to participate in the Festival of Trees. Current Balance: \$32,232.64. The motion to accept the treasurer's report passed unanimously.

III. Donation Letters. Diane did a donation request letter to 341 individuals. The Board approved the purchase of approximately 300 stamps for this purpose.

IV. Zoom. Currently, all Zoom meetings have been done via a private account covered by Diane. She'd like to shift the account, and its cost, to the not-for-profit itself. The company offers a discount rate for not-for-profits, reportedly costing \$138/yr. Board approved such a change. Wendy will contact Zoom and take needed steps.

V. Chairs in Storage at Angerosa's. The metal chairs that we had been storing in the garage at the office of Pat Angerosa's husband had to be removed, as they are selling the property. We found a scrap hauler, who removed the chairs at no expense (and at no gain) to us, and that job has been completed.

VI. Diane proposed that Octavos sponsor an on-line listening party featuring Christmas-themed music, to take place on Dec 20. This the Board approved. Will be promoted in upcoming e-mail to membership from Diane.

VII. Fundraising. Our contract with the Glen Sanders restaurant gives us three options, with respect to the fundraiser currently scheduled for February, 2022: 1. Go ahead as planned -- not viable. Clearly, with the COVID restrictions currently in place today and in the foreseeable future, we will not be going forward as scheduled. 2. Cancel altogether -- not adopted. or 3. Push the date back to the year 2023 -- this choice adopted by the Board. Diane advised she would seek to have the restaurant pencil us in for the Sunday after the Feb 2023 Super Bowl weekend.

Consideration was given to an on-line fundraiser sometime in the Spring.

Diane advised that we currently have all our donors set forth on an Excel Spreadsheet, and advised that we might consider moving it to a commercial database.

VIII. Planning for Upcoming Concerts. We have tentatively targeted a spring concert date for May 22, 2022 (perhaps at Union College) in the event COVID restrictions are sufficiently relaxed to allow us to go ahead. Curtis advises Diane that, with that target date, we'd need to be resuming rehearsals by February 15, 2022.

In addition to the spring concert, we also discussed the possibility of doing the Messiah sometime near the celebration of Easter (as the original work was intended). Possible dates for this endeavor, per Curtis, are March 27 or April 24, 2022.

Discussion was given to finding a rehearsal venue, as we still cannot rehearse at Zion.

Diane raised the subject or parameters for deciding whether to go forward with convening. And broached the question whether we should reconsider them, noting . with Curtis' requirement that we need to be able to go maskless, standing shoulder-to-shoulder. Diane advised that no members of Octavos have indicated to her that they have any disagreement with the Board's previous decision not to go forward. She advised that Dave Johnson of Saratoga Voices in Burnt Hills told her that that choir changed their position to mask optional. Albany Pro Musica rehearses in masks. Mendelsohn Club rehearses in masks.

IX. The Board then went into Executive Session.

The Board agreed to meet again on January 5 via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

OCTAVO SINGERS
Report of Executive Session
December 8, 2021

Attendees present via zoom: Diane Deacon, Dave Roberts, Wendy Luft, Nina Kryzak

The subject of the executive session was Judy Israel's decision not to participate in rehearsals and performance should we convene with the offer to function as First Vice President until the end of her term on June 30, 2022.

The Board determined that it would be acceptable for Judy to remain in her position until the end of her term without further payment of dues when we reconvene.

