

**NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: November 3, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:** Keith Anderson (Treasurer), Elisabeth Case (Past-President), Andy Galvan (Friends of the Chorus), Signe Gleason (Secretary), Jesse Hart (Director at Large), Chuck Jonah (Program Production), Margo Jonah (Grants), Cathy Kaduk (Financial Secretary), Nancy Sigel (Membership), Sarah Sippy (ADA Compliance), Richard Sohn (Director at Large) Janan Szurek (President). Pamela Whittles (Director at Large), John Zelman (Operations), Kevin Kelly (Interim Director), Cristin Adam, Vicky Lynch

**ABSENT:** Gail Nelson (VP)

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:23 PM

**MINUTES:** The [10.06.25](#) minutes were reviewed and approved.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** None at this time.

TOPIC: Notes	Follow-Up Needed
<p><b>To Dos from Last Meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janan will contact Emily about music and ask her if she could do 2 rehearsals with us. - DONE</li> <li>• Signe will compose an email to share to invite people to the concert and solicit donations. DONE</li> <li>• Andy will coordinate emailing with Nancy, and she will share it on Constant Contact</li> <li>• Janan and Margo will participate in the workshop via Zoom. Other BOD members invited to participate. DONE</li> <li>• Janan will let the group know that we will not be participating in 2026 Salzburg Choral Festival. DONE</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Search Committee Recommendation</b> (Rich and Pam)            Official position title is Music Director            Compensation = \$14,000/year            CLOSED Session for Personnel Matters</p>	
<p><b>Winter Concert Details</b>            Change in Dress Rehearsal Date – Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Time? (John)</p>	
<p><b>Publicity Update</b> (Vicky)            Media alerts are out. Small cost to amplify listing. Codes - \$2 off if taken from advertisements.</p>	
<p><b>Details about Participation in Patriotic Concert with Naperville Band</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emily cannot do rehearsals with the chorus</li> <li>• Songs: God Bless America, Battle Hymn of the Republic, and America the Beautiful (same arrangements as 2024)</li> </ul>	

<p>Message from Emily with concerns about lack of director: I am concerned that the choir will not be in regular session or have a director/choral expert to prepare them for the concert. I will not be available on Monday evenings, but even if I were, I would not be able to provide the choir-specific support needed to get that repertoire ready for our biggest concert of the year. With this being such a high profile performance, we want everything to shine and highlight both groups performing at their very best.</p> <p>I think it might be best to look towards the summer of 2027 when hopefully, the choir will have a permanent director and all of the pieces will be in place to prepare for the patriotic concert.</p>	
<p><b>Preliminary April Concert Budget</b> (Kevin @ 6:45 pm) Motion to approve requested budget of \$22,000, but not unanimous.</p>	<p>John – will work dress rehearsal dates and times.</p>
<p><b>50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026-2027 Season</li> <li>• Discuss the creation of a Celebration Committee and how we will present it to members.</li> </ul>	<p>Postponed to next meeting</p>
<p><b>OTHER:</b></p>	
<p><b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:</b> Fund-Raising Committee is needed.</p>	

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** November 10, 2025 at 6:15 PM – UMC, Room 305

**Links to Documents:**

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**Minutes Recorded by** Signe Gleason, Naperville Chorus Secretary