

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 14, 2023

ATTENDEES: Elisabeth Case, Mikki Mendelsohn, Liz Stefanski, Keith Anderson, Rodger Guebert, Sarah Sippy, Gail Nelson, Ed Chapman, Margaret Jonah, Chuck Jonah, Nancy Sigel

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the July 24 minutes. The motion passed.

FALL SEMESTER REGISTRATION UPDATE: So far, 37 sopranos have registered. Going forward, registrants who check the Soprano box will be informed that they're wait-listed. Keith and Chuck will address the issue of Jotform's limit of 100 paying registrants. Next steps: open up registration via the Chorus web site; nudge prospective male registrants on 8/25; admit wait-listed women starting 9/1. Note: Many registrants have checked "skills" boxes.

MUSIC UPDATE: So far, 23 people have asked to purchase Messiah scores. Cristin has only ordered 20, but ordering more is easy. All who have successfully registered will get the Ellman music. John has informed Elisabeth that he doesn't have electronic copies of *Let It Snow, Mary, We Need a Little Christmas*, and *Mack the Halls*. Rodger will look for these in his Dropbox. Elisabeth volunteered to ask Betsy for pdfs, but Keith suggested delegating this task to Cristin. We have all the orchestra music.

FIRST REHEARSAL: Keith and John will set up chairs. Sarah, Nancy, Gail, and Mikki will greet members and hand out music. Sarah will update last year's welcome letter, using dates from the web site. Black blouses are again available; a link is on the web site. Keith also has a few large-size blouses.

DECEMBER 2 CONCERT WITH THE NAPERVILLE WINDS: We need to get this event on members' radar with the understanding that participation is voluntary but advance commitment is required. Keith will draft an appropriate message after consultation with Reid.

GRANT UPDATE: Elisabeth has signed the grant agreement and confirmed that we're a 501(c)(3) organization. Margo must submit a report on Sept. 30. A motion was made and passed authorizing Margo to apply for a Naperville SECA grant (letter is due in September).

FACEBOOK: Henriette doesn't have the credentials. She thinks Janet has them. Both a "members" page and a "general" page exist; there was also a 2017 version, which Rodger has deactivated. Keith recommended finding someone to serve as Facebook co-administrator.

INSURANCE: Our policy renews on 9/10 with a slight increase in premium, but Elisabeth has pushed back on some inclusions and asked about additional coverage in case our PII (Personally Identifiable Information) is hacked. A motion was made and passed authorizing Elisabeth to make modifications and bind the renewal of our insurance as she deems appropriate.

FINANCIAL: Rodger and Keith will discuss investing some of our reserve funds in short-term CDs.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 18, 6 pm, in the Wentz lobby.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.