

## **NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: February 12, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:** Elisabeth Case, Mikki Mendelsohn, Liz Stefanski, Sarah Sippy, Gail Nelson, Margo Jonah, Chuck Jonah, Nancy Sigel, John Zelman, Vicky Lynch, Keith Anderson, Ed Chapman

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the January 22, 2024, minutes. The motion passed.

**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE:** Nancy and John met with the Director of the NCC Fund, Maria Caselli. The application deadline was set at 2/23/24. Nancy has posted flyers, which direct students to the Financial Aid Office for details. Maria pointed out that most scholarships of this type are \$1000 awards. A motion was made and passed to fund three slots at \$1000 each this year. Nancy passed around a summary of previous scholarship recipients.

**PUBLICITY UPDATE:** Elisabeth announced that the Chorus will place an ad in the Young Naperville Singers' April 28 concert program, congratulating them on their anniversary and mentioning the Chorus's upcoming holiday and spring programs. Vicky will draft the text of the ad.

**USE OF PAYPAL FOR REGISTRATION:** In the spring 2024 registration cycle, several members fell into the trap of setting up a PayPal account. Approaches to avoiding this outcome were discussed, and the consensus was to provide more explicit information up front as part of the registration instructions. Keith will explore the option of on-site registration for "PayPal failures" using a swiping device that PayPal can provide at no charge.

**BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024–2025 TERM:** The offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Financial Secretary will be open, so a 3-member Nominating Committee will have to be appointed. Elizabeth will announce this opportunity tonight. Names suggested were Charlotte (last name?), Rodger Guebert, Jessie Hart, and Leslie Hayward. Elisabeth will provide the Committee members with job descriptions, and they will be given a "skills" spreadsheet derived from the data we collected at registration. We will need a slate in time to hold the election on March 18.

**FINANCIAL MEETING AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:** The meeting will be held on March 18 at 7 pm. Keith will present, using his own laptop and Rodger's projector. He will include a slide about avoiding the above-mentioned PayPal trap. He has received NCC's check for the December concert revenues, and our account balance is now ~\$85,000. He has not made the Ron Keller contribution yet but is mostly up to date otherwise. Expenses for the April 2024 concert will be relatively modest.

**OTHER TOPICS:** Gail noted that Reid's idea of recognizing birthdays by month worked well. Margo reported that the Illinois Arts Council may want information on Board members' occupations for future applications, so she will send an email query to the Board soliciting this information.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:15 pm, in the Wentz lobby.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.