

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 22, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the November 27, 2023, minutes. The motion passed.

FINANCIALS: Keith reported some figures from the 2023 holiday concert, and followed up with more comprehensive notes, which are attached to these minutes. The net revenues from ticket sales—about \$25,300—will be forthcoming from NCC. Expenses included \$20,000 for the Ellman Band and the Naperville Festival Orchestra, \$300 for the soloist, and \$5500 for Wentz rental and storage.

FUTURE CONCERT DATES: The Board reached the following consensus on first- and second-choice dates for John to request from NCC:

2024 Holiday Concert – Sat. December 7 at 7:30 pm and Sun. December 8 at 3 pm; or December 14/15, same times.

2025 Spring Concert – Sun. April 27 at 3 pm; or Sat. April 26 at 3 pm. The program will include Brahms's *German Requiem*.

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE DUPAGE FOUNDATION: Margo has brought this opportunity to Reid's and the Board's attention. The Foundation is inviting applications for funding of a specific event that entails expenditures in 2025. The application deadline is Sept. 6, 2024. Further discussion with Reid is in order.

CHAIRS FOR REHEARSALS: The burden of setting out the chairs in accordance with Elisabeth's floor plan has been falling disproportionately on a few people. Elisabeth will work with Nancy to formulate an email to be sent to all members, asking for volunteers to participate in this activity on a rotating basis.

SUMMER CONCERT: Elisabeth announced that it's off the table.

MARKETING: Vicky will reserve the Washington St. electric sign starting two weeks before the Spring 2024 concert. We'll plan on a B&W display with a minimum of words. She will issue a press release about the concert on March 1. Keith has asked NCC for a list of people who bought December 2023 concert tickets, which he'll share with Vicky. We ended with a discussion of the need for a "private" Facebook page and strategies for retrieving the lost password. We have a partial email address whose owner might be the former administrator; Chuck will follow up.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at 6 pm, in the Wentz lobby.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Addendum: Treasurer Notes

For the interval from mid-August through mid-January, here are the most significant items, rounded off to significant digits:

Income

Friends of Chorus:	\$9,450	
SECA (Naperville):	\$4,150	(Thanks Margo!)
Membership:	\$10,000	(includes both fall and spring)
Concert net:	\$25,300	

Expense

Staff:	\$9,000
Ellman Band:	\$13,700
Orchestra:	\$6,300
Wentz & Storage:	\$5,500
Insurance:	\$2,800
Scholarships:	\$1,500

These are not the exact numbers; they are to give an overview.

Note that the Concert income is pretty much the same as the Orchestra+PEB+Wentz expense.

Many items are not included.

Keith Anderson
Naperville Chorus Treasurer