

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 13, 2024

ATTENDEES: Elisabeth Case, Liz Stefanski, Sarah Sippy, Margo Jonah, Chuck Jonah, Nancy Sigel, Keith Anderson, Janan Szurek, Cathy Kaduk, Mikki Mendelsohn, and Jesse Hart

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

MINUTES: The March and April 2024 minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Keith reiterated that with the sellout of the Spring concert and the in-kind contribution of the Naperville Winds' participation, the Chorus is in a strong financial position. A motion was made and passed to donate \$1000 to the Winds. The donation will be sent to their Board and Sean and Reid will be made aware of it. Elisabeth will thank Reid for his personal donation to the Winds.

NEW REHEARSAL LOCATION: Nancy and Gail had a very productive meeting with Suzanne at the Community Methodist Church (CMC), which is close to the NCC campus and is open to hosting our rehearsals in return for a donation in an amount to be determined. Nancy showed the Board photos of the entrance, sanctuary (which seats 300 and has a grand piano), and some other interior spaces. Nancy also met with CMC's Pastor Jacob to discuss student scholarships. She noted that one November Monday will be unavailable to us, and the entry door will be kept unlocked for only a limited time on rehearsal nights. A motion was made and passed to pursue creation of a formal agreement with CMC to host our rehearsals for the entire 2024-25 season. Elisabeth will update Reid on this decision.

JULY 3 CONCERT WITH THE NAPERVILLE MUNICIPAL BAND: Reid is co-conducting the concert. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays, June 3 and July 1, time and location TBD, with a stage rehearsal on July 2. Music will be provided. Cathy will follow up to identify a June 3 rehearsal location. Meantime, the Chorus membership will be polled to finalize the head count of participants.

PLANNING FOR 2024-25 SEASON: Elisabeth proposed inviting everyone who sang in our last two concerts to register, with a cap of 130 and with the invitation issued in mid-July. Chuck will determine the head count of those who sang in those concerts, based on the names listed in the programs and with input from Nancy.

BLOUSES: The consensus was to keep the existing blouses as a requirement for women singers and consolidate orders to save on shipping. Mikki volunteered to coordinate the ordering. Nancy noted that she has blouses in a variety of sizes.

RECORDING OF OUR CARMINA BURANA CONCERT: A recording exists, and we are investigating whether it can be shared with Chorus members in a way that respects the copyright.

OUTREACH ACCOMPANIST: Nancy will reach out to one of our scholarship students, who is a piano major. Also, Cathy will reach out to an accompanist she knows. Chuck noted that all of Tom's music is on our Web site. A motion was made and passed to authorize \$1000 in compensation to the accompanist. "Plan C" is to put the music on a CD.

STAFF SALARIES: A motion was made and passed to increase Reid's and Jon's salaries to \$14,000 and \$7,000, respectively, for the 2024-25 season.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm, at Elisabeth's home, 156 Forestview Ct., Aurora.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.