

**Rochester Oratorio Society Board Meeting**  
**September 14, 2017 6:30 PM**  
**Asbury First United Methodist Church**

**Present:** Katherine Clark-Walter, Nina Fagnoli, Maryellen Giese, Carole Huther, Sandy Moncrief, Sarah Reynolds, Maura Slon, Sarah Stage, Katherine Washington, Jeff Wright

**Ex-Officio Present:** Kathy Green, Jo Ann Lampman, Dennis Rosenbaum, Eric Townell

**Excused/Absent:** Sue Geier, Brigid Harrigan, Marc Smith, Lauri Van Hise,

**Approval of Tonight's Agenda and Minutes from August 2017 Meeting**  
**Self-Introductions of All Present**

**Report of Arts Administrator** - Dennis Rosenbaum - Written; Highlights include

- 130 registered for ROS so far, with additional auditions scheduled
- Potential new printing services for Brown Paper Tickets at a cost savings and earlier date for tickets to be ready
- Xerox to print programs - to be stuffed by ushers at concerts and given to audience before choir; John Ninfo in charge

**Report of Artistic Director** - Eric Townell - Written; Highlights include

- Good choir this year - good sight readers - amazing music!
- Resonanz working on music for new season, commitment for concert at Nazareth College in November
- Business Intern from Nazareth College working with ROS - working on two internships
- Membership at Rochester Community Television
- Applying for new grants
- Two notable areas on upside of revenue: Ticket Subscriptions (special interest groups) - ROS members working to build audience, develop connections; space on concert program inserts for advertisements
- Discussion of ticket sales to ROS members (\$20 each per concert) - tickets could be sold to friends, family, associates; more discussion needed with singers about value of these ticket sales. Ticket sales as well as membership dues are small portion of budget - should focus on other sources of revenue rather than raise these costs to singers
- ROS does not receive donation from City (other groups, e.g. Greece Choral society, receive local donations - Town of Greece); Rochester City Arts & Cultural Council may be possible source of donation

**Finance Report** - Kathy Green - Written

- Few expenses in summer; \$23,000 in Money Market Account in June 2017 - a very good year! Surplus from grants, other income
- Member concert tickets might be strategically given away - suggestions welcome; Nina may announce at Bonadio about Brown Paper Tickets
- Thanks to Eric for much work in writing grants - Board should support this

**Election of Officers**

President: *Marc Smith*; Secretary: *Sandy Moncrief*; Treasurer: *Nina Fagnoli*; Following discussion, *Sarah Reynolds* agreed to serve as Vice President

**Follow Up on By Laws Amendment - Singers to receive 10 days notice of a meeting to accomplish this - through email: Meeting September 25 at rehearsal to amend By Laws. See next page**

### **Committees / Other Reports / Announcements**

*Education:* Maryellen: Cares for Choral Fellows/Scholars, High School students wishing to sing with ROS, no charge to them; same to apply to college students; other younger children may be sponsored by ROS; Maryellen to step down as Education Chair

*Jubilee Concert:* Katherine Washington: Has an accompanist, now in need of music - arranged spirituals, concertized to perform

*Classical Idol:* One contestant so far; Sue Geier to co-Chair with Brigid, report to Board each month

*Board should think about service on committees, additional fundraiser(s)*

*October 20 concert* - reception before concert: beverages, finger food; help, food donations from Board; Mary Ellen Coleman taking charge of reception

*ROS Family Picnic:* September 24; Noon-6 PM, Kings Bend Park, bring dish to pass - singers/non-singers welcome!!

*Season Brochures nearly ready!*

**Next Board Meeting: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6:30 PM, Asbury First**

**Meeting adjourned**

Sandy Moncrief

**MEETING OF MEMBERS OF ROCHESTER ORATORIO SOCIETY**

**September 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by ROS Board member Jeff Wright for the purpose of approval of a “technical amendment to the ROS By Laws to permit action of the Board without a meeting by unanimous written consent in compliance with New York State law.” Unanimous approval was given though a vote by the ROS membership.