

Rochester Oratorio Society Board Meeting
November 10, 2016 6:30 PM
Asbury First United Methodist Church

Present: Jack DeVanny, Maryellen Giese, Jenny Horn, Sandy Moncrief, Pati Piper, Marc Smith, Sarah Post, Mario Urso, Laurie VanHise, Kate Washington, Jeff Wright

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

Excused/Absent: Brigid Harrigan, Sarah Stage, Katherine Clark Walter

Welcome and Approval of Minutes - October Meeting

Report of Arts Administrator - Dennis Rosenbaum - Written

- Networking Meeting to come
- Angel donations have covered fees for various members
- \$700 Advance from brown paper sales
- Working with Brigid on Classical Idol
- Committee list now up to date

Report of Artistic Director - Eric Townell - Written

- Good season so far!
- Met with staff at Rochester Public Library - potential 2017 collaboration, including Women's Suffrage, Founding of Rochesterville, Opening Centennial of Erie Canal, events with U of R Arts & Culture, October Program of Women's Music
- Among historian's materials - pristine recording of Berlioz *Requiem* from 1954 under ROS Director Theodore Hollenbach, accompanied by ROS Orchestra = owned by ROS. *A motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize Eric to proceed in exploration of duplicating this recording for sale.*

Financial Report - Kathy Green - Written

- More than 350 tickets sold to first concert - income / expenses produced loss of \$1,485; everything within budget
- \$500 donation received for fourth prize at Classical Idol
- October concert = highest number credit card sales
- Pati produced a video on the internet - 1,800 hits!

Classical Idol Update - Marc Smith

- Brigid is recovering and getting ready to begin planning process
- We have \$1,600 for Silver Sponsor
- 7 applicants so far - more than past years at this time of the season!

Other Committee Reports

- Events Committee in need of a Chair
- Marketing Committee needs a Chair as soon as possible - may coordinate with Development
- Jessica Kauffman now Public Relations person

Announcements

- Mario moving to Buffalo for new job (within his firm) December 1, has someone in mind to replace him, will work through ROS budgeting process
- Promotion of Classical Idol / more corporate sponsors needed
- ROS deposits can be made via Amazon
- THANK YOU to Dennis and Eric for all their work for ROS!
- December dates: 12/3 Resonanz caroling in South Wedge; 12/4 "A City Sings", 12/10 & 11 Messiah with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, 12/15 Board Meeting at home of Katherine & Pat Walters - bring dish to pass, beverage
- ROS is registered for ROC the Day on November 29

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 15, (6:30 PM), at Walters' home

Adjournment 7:05 PM

Sandy Moncrief