

Rochester Oratorio Society Board Meeting
December 14, 2017 6:30 PM
Home of Nina Fagnoli

Present: Marc Smith, Katherine Clark-Walter, Nina Fagnoli, Sue Geier, Maryellen Giese, Carole Huther, Sandy Moncrief, Sarah Reynolds, Maura Slon, Sarah Stage, Lauri Van Hise

Ex-Officio Present: JoAnn Lampman, Dennis Rosenbaum, Eric Townell

Excused: Kathy Green, Brigid Harrigan, Kathleen Washington, Jeff Wright

THANK YOU to Nina for opening her home to tonight's meeting!

Approval of Tonight's Agenda and Minutes from November 2017 Meeting

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

- Preparing for continuation of season following the Judas Maccabaeus concert
- Looking ahead to Frederick Douglas at 200 Concert in February
- Alternate location needed for January 15 ROS rehearsal (Asbury First closed for holiday)
- Concert procedures - Usher training (in writing) should include collection of concert tickets from guests - concerts are not free; also, singers should stay away from lobby prior to concert; **THANK YOU** to Pat and his team - set up and take down of chairs down to a science!
- Further discussion with singers about value / importance of tickets they purchase - at January 6th rehearsal, reports in Roster following this rehearsal
- Year end letter has gone out

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

- Exciting month for ROS!
- ROS has won grants: second Humanities Grant, \$1,000 Capacity Grant - purchase of thermal printer through grant / budget, grant from State insures ROS on NYS Community Calendar
- Engagement with Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in December 2018 - two large pieces, week of December 11-18, two performances Thursday and Saturday, ten weeks preparation time
- Four Monday rehearsals after April 20, 2018 concert to prepare for fall - first concert October 7; funds approved for these rehearsals, accompanist; open rehearsals could serve as recruitment for ROS
- Good times ahead for ROS!

Marketing Committee Report - Sarah Stage

- Committee met recently - meeting included folks from U of R
- Discussion of Frederick Douglas at 200 Concert on February 16 - on community calendar; Eric may be interviewed if arrangements are made
- ROS season included in conversations

Finance Report - Nina Fagnoli - Written

- Thanks to Eric for keeping expenses down

Education / Outreach Committee - Maryellen Giese

- Maryellen is suggesting the separation of these into two committees: Choral Scholars / Fellows and Outreach
- *Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to break this into two groups*
- Performances at School 42 (joined by folks from Rochester Public Library for Q and A) and School Of The Arts through grant from Greater Rochester Choral Consortium; good questions / feedback / exposure

Webster Schools Grant - Sarah Reynolds

- Apply for grant to bring program into public schools - excellent music program, funds up to \$2,500 available

Classical Idol - Sue Geier

- Kick off meeting held in November
- Six applications already received!
- Next meeting December 17
- Possible themes - e.g., 1940s, with attendees wearing vintage '40s clothing!
- Potential entertainment - Mark Cramer, a trained engineer / pharmaceutical developer from Philadelphia, now a jazz pianist with a trio - would bring his trio to Classical Idol (fee for trio)
- Articles in Roster beginning in January to educate singers on Classical Idol
- Jenny Horn to chair Auction
- THANKS to Sue for her hard work on CI!

Book recommended by Marc - Leading Roles - 50 questions for board members; Maura borrowed it at this meeting

New Business - None

From the President, Marc Smith:

- Thanks to Eric for being a phenomenal ambassador for ROS!
- Thanks to Dennis for everything he does!
- Thanks to Board and ROS singers - a pleasure for Marc to work with everyone!

Next Board Meeting: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 6:30 PM at Asbury First United Methodist Church

Meeting adjourned

Sandy Moncrief