

**Rochester Oratorio Society Board Meeting**  
**April 12, 2018 6:30 PM**  
**Asbury First United Methodist Church**

**Present:** Marc Smith, Sarah Reynolds, Nina Fargnoli, Sandy Moncrief, Katherine Clark-Walter, Sue Geier, Maryellen Giese, Carole Huther, Maura Slon, Sarah Stage, Lauri Van Hise, Jeff Wright  
**Ex-Officio:** Kathy Green, Eric Townell  
**Guest:** Carol White Llewellyn  
**Excused:** Jo Ann Lampman, Dennis Rosenbaum, Brigid Harrigan, Kathleen Washington

**Approval of Tonight's Agenda and Minutes from March 2018 Meeting**

**Introduction of Guest Carol White Llewellyn by Eric Townell**

- Carol was recommended to ROS by Kathleen Washington. Carol is the producer of documentary 'Harvesting a Heritage - The Story of the Iroquois White Corn Project
- Documentary designed for educational purposes (high school, college) and tells how one simple and iconic Iroquois agricultural product holds the key to the Seneca people's history, culture, spirituality, long-term well being, and more.
- Carol is requesting the ROS be a fiscal sponsor of this project, a pass through - to be credited in film.
- Concerns - this does not fit in ROS Mission, risks as fiscal agent not involved in project, tax ramifications
- Following discussion, the request was tabled until the Board secures additional information

**Report of Arts Administrator - Dennis Rosenbaum (Excused) - Written**

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

- An exciting April! Portions of three concerts included in Performance Rochester, some used in grant applications - including one on State level which ROS can now get and has never received before! Additional application for Local Livingston Arts for next season.
- Elise Rosenfeld found ROS records back to 1984!
- Specifics given for April concerts at Asbury First on April 20 - call 6:30, and St. Pius X on April 22 - call 2:30 PM
- Thank you calls to donors to begin, coordinated by Carolyn Gray and Dennis Rosenbaum - calls do not replace written thank you notes
- Although terms on ROS Board conclude, Katherine and Maryellen will continue committee participation!

**Finance Report - Kathy Green - Written**

- Changes related to Classical Idol in last month - many donations including corporate donations coming in; judges, combo, prizes are paid; \$750 donated for sponsorships
- Check for \$1,500 received from NYS Ballet from Resonanz
- Improvement in negative cash flow

**Classical Idol - Sue Geier - Written Report; Highlights include:**

- Some volunteers stepping up for set up, clean up, taking pictures, etc. - more help needed
- \$300 Wegmans card, matching funds donor applies only to donations at door or added to ticket purchase
- Raffle tickets now on line - in complete compliance with new law on raffles as researched by Ellen Goldenberg - tickets must be filled out completely
- Discussion of decorations, table cloths from Temple B'rith Kodesh, judges' table skirted; help needed: stuff donation envelopes in programs, wine servers, set up /clean up, Silent Auction set up = Board requested to help as early as possible
- Ticket sales going well, check received from Opera Guild
- Flyers at Little Theater; tables at Asbury First at concert - Marc Smith and Sarah Stage to facilitate ticket sales at concert

**Legacy Gifts - Lauri Van Hise**

- Possible policy that any undesignated planned gift to ROS be added to Endowment Fund - vote at next Board meeting

**New Business - None**

**Meeting adjourned - Next Board Meeting Thursday, May 10, 6:30 PM, Asbury First**

Sandy Moncrief