

Rochester Oratorio Society Board Meeting 6/12/2018 Minutes (Sue Geier, substitute recorder)
(Revised on 7/11/18 with two corrections, as requested by JoAnn Lampman. Thanks, JoAnn, for bringing these to my attention.)

Board Members present: Marc Smith, Kathryn Clark-Walters, Carol Huther, Sarah Stage, Maura Slon, Maryellen Giese, Sue Geier

Administration/Staff Members present: Eric Townell, Dennis Rosenbaum, JoAnn Lampman

Thank you, Maryellen, for hosting the end of year Board Meeting at your lovely home! A quorum for the ROS Board is 8 members present. With 7 present we had useful discussions, but we were unable to officially make or approve any motions.

The minutes were found to be spot on but could not be approved – thank you Sandy, we all appreciate your doing this for us every month!

Art's Administrator's report: The Donor sent in the matching amount to the donations made for Classical Idol and the check has been deposited. The work on the brochure for our next ROS season is under way. Dennis has made appointments for Eric and a few key CI committee members to look at alternate venues for Classical Idol XIII for suitability (the Hyatt, Hilton Garden Inn Linc Ballroom, the Century Club.) We have 4/27/2019 reserved at B'rith Kodesh for backup. Colgate Rochester's venue has changed hands and is not open for booking at this point. Marc suggested exploring the Harro East Ballroom as a possible venue.

Artistic Director's report: Eric distributed his written report and a copy of the grant narrative he has written, which provides a detailed description of ROS's extensive undertakings in 2018.

Finance Report: The budget for next season will be ready for approval at our July Board meeting. The consensus at this Board meeting was that it would be advantageous to start the whole process a few months earlier, so that our upcoming season and the budget for it are ready to share in April or May each year.

Nominating Committee: Maryellen shared that she and Kathryn Clark-Walters have completed their terms and are going off the Board. (Thank you, Kathryn and Maryellen, for all you have done and will continue to do to support ROS!) We hope that Sandy Moncrief will agree to continue to serve as Secretary and Sarah Reynolds will continue to serve as Vice President. We are delighted that Jenny Horn and Dan McInerney have agreed to start new terms on the Board this Fall. Lauri VanHise has agreed to continue on the Board for a second term, (thank you, Lauri!) which also needs Board approval. Typically, the Board approves the slate of nominees before it goes to the ROS membership for a vote. It could not be accomplished this month because we did not have a quorum.

Planned Giving Policy: Language for this clarified policy was shared in writing prior to the Board meeting. It was discussed again tonight, and the consensus is that it is in ROS' best interest to

adopt this policy. It was tabled because we did not have a quorum to move and second its adoption.

This led to a discussion about the importance of regular Board attendance. We are aware that this particular meeting was on an unusual day of the week, and during vacation time for some members. It was agreed that in order for the ROS Board to conduct its business and function well, Board members need to make a commitment to attend Board meetings regularly. An annual Board Commitment form to sign, that reminds us that we need to strive to keep our absences down to no more than 2 per year, is a suggestion that came out of this discussion. Another thought was that a hard and fast rule (e.g. 3 absences and you are out) could discourage Board membership; however, the expectation for meeting our attendance standard needs to be made clear to existing and prospective Board members.

Classical Idol XIII: Sue distributed a written report, which was discussed. See attached.

The next three Board Meetings will be held at Asbury on 7/19, 8/16, and 9/20.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Geier