

Rochester Oratorio Society Board Meeting
September 20, 2018 6:30 PM
Asbury First United Methodist Church

Present: Marc Smith, Nina Fagnoli, Sue Geier, Jenny Horn, Carole Huther, Sandy Moncrief, Sarah Reynolds, Maura Slon, Sarah Stage, Jeff Wright
Ex-Officio: Kathy Green, JoAnn Lampman, Dennis Rosenbaum, Eric Townell
Excused: Brigid Harrigan, Dan McNerny, Lauri Van Hise, Kate Washington

Revised Agenda tonight:

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

- Great auditions for this season!
- Update on grant status, including one from Monroe County for \$3,000!
- New best friend - Calvin Gantt - Vice President for Diversity at MCC - open to ROS' use of space for rehearsals, etc.
- Other possible grants - Webster School System and Wayne Central Schools

Minutes from July Meeting approved

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

- 30 new singers in ROS - much time spent in recruiting; 130 singers for most concerts (conflicts in singers' schedules)
- Working with Vendini for tickets, lists of patrons - process to become smoother over time
- Lists of officers, committees next month
- Xerox is on board for printing programs, etc.

Finance Report - Kathy Green - Written

- Transition to Quick Books - thank you to Kathy and Nina!
- Donna Budgeon worked with Kathy - thank you, Donna!
- New ticketing system - tickets to chorus not divided equally among concerts = concert selection by singers
- Grants received, including \$6,000 from Farash Foundation; Development budget line is ahead!!

Registrar's Report - JoAnn Lampman - Written

- Current Registration in ROS: 48 Sopranos, 45 Altos, 18 Tenors, 38 Bases = 149 singers!!

Classical Idol - Discussion of Potential Name Change - Jeff Wright

- Letter received stating that name *Classical Idol* infringes on rights of American Idol = *Classical Idol* to be changed?
- Initial investigation - does this name really infringe on American Idol's rights?
- ROS will engage attorney and follow legal advice - we will comply with requirements set by attorney
- *Motion made, seconded, and carried to authorize Jeff Wright to pursue this with ROS attorney to determine if claim is valid, knowing that we will comply with her advice; then Governance Committee with review everything and act in Board's best interest*
- *Classical Idol* has not been publicized too much thus far - it will no longer appear at all until resolution comes
- Answer from attorney hopefully in two weeks, then CI committee to meet to discuss name change; CONFIDENTIAL until then

Officers Elected

- Marc Smith, President; Sarah Reynolds, Vice President; Sandy Moncrief, Secretary; Nina Fagnoli, Treasurer

New Business

- *Vocal Competition Updates:* Date May 4 at Temple B'rith Kodesh - may require commercial caterer; trio of judges to return - higher stipend to \$750 each?; cost for re-branding; possible benefit concert by two judges Friday evening, May 3rd - day of Semi Finals; Eric Gaston, new Vice President of Artistic Administration at the RPO, will help as did his predecessor; met with Causeway (written report); need to be less shy in asking for donations
- Once again a donor has come forward to match donations for vocal competition

ROS Family Picnic September 30th!!

Meeting adjourned - Next Board Meeting Thursday, October 18, 6:30 PM, at Asbury First

Sandy Moncrief