

Siskiyou Singers Board Agenda

October 16, 2023 10:00 am

ZOOM

Board Members Present: Mark Reppert, Steve Thomas, Laura Barlow, Mary Van Wesep, Mary Bergstrom, Loretta Barker, Michele Kyle, Scott Nelson, Howie Seay (had to leave early)

Meeting Called to Order at 10:05 AM

Approval of September 2023 Minutes

MOTION: Mary Bergstrom moved that the Board Minutes of September 2023 be approved. Motion seconded. MOTION PASSED

WRITTEN REPORTS

Director – Mark Reppert

We are rolling right along toward a great concert. The workshop was a success. I think I am not alone in having a wonderful time. We have a recorder player for Dadme and Riu, Rob Lowry, and a harpsichord, hopefully. Thank you for all your hard work making this wonderful concert happen!

President – Steve Thomas –

We are nearly halfway into our Fall term and everything seems to be going well. We do need to secure some people for jobs such as Box Office manager, Ticket Sale Manager, and House/Ushers Manager for our December concerts so I do ask for your help with that. We'd also like to have at least two more BOD members join us. Mary Bergstrom asked Sally if she would consider another term but she declined.

Our EMEY campaign has begun.

Sectional rehearsals are happening starting today.

Sally's Communications and Connections Task Force is up and running with a great group of volunteer members.

We need to schedule a demonstration of our concert dress options during one of the rehearsal announcement periods sometime soon.

We should distribute an official member singers roster list including emergency contact information to all board members and section leaders.

Let's all remember to engage other choir members in greeting them to rehearsals and other conversation as time allows, especially our new singers.

Thanks to you all for your help in making Siskiyou Singers a fun and successful community choir.

Publicity – Michael Zuzel – *no report*

Membership – Howie Seay - *no report*

Choir Tour – Cynthia Tank – *no report*

Treasurer's Report – Laura Barlow

- **Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2023**
 - Keep in mind the funds in the Italy Tour account are not SS funds.
- **Profit and Loss Statement as of September 30, 2023**
 - There is only a month's worth of financials so not a lot to comment on. No ad revenue has been received yet.
- **EMEY – Every Member Every Year**
 - EMEY seemed to be a completely new concept for a lot of members. Perhaps I confused them with the discussion of the budget figures at the beginning. I have high hopes!
 - Cynthia and Michael have donated ANOTHER vehicle, a camp trailer, which will net us about \$4600.

- **Fund-raising for the Arts in So. Oregon**
 - The landscape may be about to change.
- **Box Office**
 - Howie has offered to do the Box Office in December since he has had to bail on singing due to absences.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AT BOARD MEETING: *We received \$1,300 in donations at the Tuesday, October 10 rehearsal. It takes one month to get Ad materials to the printer.*

To access the full profit and loss (P&L) report, contact treasurer Laura Barlow
Development Committee Report – Laura Barlow

- **Development Committee Spreadsheet as of September 30, 2023**
 - Grant award has been removed from the spreadsheet because the money has not been received yet. I will add it back when the check is received.

OLD BUSINESS

DOCUMENT STORAGE - DROPBOX VS. GOOGLE DRIVE – This item is still up in the air. We need more input.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – SLACK VS. EMAIL – Steve will take on the job of giving the board a SLACK tutorial. Everyone on the board currently has the SLACK app on their phone. One can use SLACK on the website but the phone app is better.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE – PAY FOR MORE THAN 10 USERS? – Howie suggested to the board that there are advantages of using Google Workspace. However, time did not permit him to go into detail.

ACTION ITEM: Howie will bring the Google Workspace presentation to the November board meeting.

MERGE MEDIA PUBLICITY TASK FORCE WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONNECTIONS GROUP- the board discussed the possibility of merging the two entities. A concern was lodged that it is too soon to do so. The Communications and Connections group is too new. Steve suggested inviting Michael Zuzel to join the Communications and Connections group. Sarah Wright is joining the group. What about live streaming? Conclusion: the Communications and Connections group is looking at lots of possibilities going forward.

SHARED USE OF RISERS FOLLOW-UP – Turns out that Jarin Jorgenson, director of choral music at Southern Oregon University (SOU), will not need to use our risers, after all. Consequently, the matter is dropped.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOLLOW-UP – The suggestion is to wait on making a decision due to our thinking that it will be easier if SOU comes up with a different, shorter announcement than we having to do so.

THE ABOVE ITEM IS TABLED AND WILL BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER AGENDA

CONCERT SUPERSCRIPTS FOLLOW-UP – Mark reports that the person he asked to do this task declined. Mark is still looking. Because the job involves the use of SOU equipment, Kathy at SOU and board member Scott Nelson need to be kept in the loop. Howie volunteered to do the job.

ACTION ITEM: Howie Seay will run the superscript for the December concert's foreign language pieces.

ANNUAL CHOIR FESTIVAL PROPOSAL FOLLOW-UP – Steve did follow up with the person in Kirby Shaw’s concert and the determination is that the ball is now in his court.

NEW BUSINESS

TICKET MANAGER SEARCH - The following names were suggested for persons to fill this position: Betsy Gentry, Virginia Brown, Pat or Rich Gleitsmann, Sue Silvast. Jazmin Williams, Bridget Garvin. Board member, Mary Van Wesep offered to take on the task if no one can be found.

ACTION ITEM: Michele will ask Bridget to serve as the Ticket Manager.

BOX OFFICE MANAGER SEARCH – The search continues. Char Hersch is a possibility but she will not do so if we sell food at intermission. Does this job also involve finding ushers and making sure that the programs are stuffed with donation envelopes?

ACTION ITEM: Cynthia will verify whether or not Char will take on this job.

EMEY CAMPAIGN – The campaign is off and running

NEW COFFEE POT? – We now have a working coffee pot thanks to the Gleitsmanns.

HARPSICHORD FOR DEC 7, 8, 9, 10 – We need to use SOU’s harpsichord. It can’t be left on stage if people are in the auditorium. The cost is \$120/tuning. We will need to have it tuned more than once. The money for the tuning will come out of Mark’s instrument budget.

ACTION ITEM: Mark will make the necessary arrangements.

SOPRANO SOLOIST FOR NEXT FALL CONCERTS - Mark has been in contact with Emma McNairy and she is excited to sing Poulenc’s Gloria. She will check her schedule to determine if it possible for her to do so. The total payment to her will be \$4,000 which covers everything (airfare, lodging, pay, etc).

DREIDEL SONG CONCERNS – Is the song appropriate given the recent attack on Israel. Mark talked to choir member, Shira who suggested we go ahead and sing it.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – The Baldwins want to host the December choir party.

ACTION ITEM: Howie will talk to the Baldwins about our new party model (Siskiyou Singers will no longer buy food trays and choir members will BYOB)

DONATING TICKETS – Board member Michele Kyle suggests that the board consider donating tickets to certain groups (i.e., Ukrainian community, high school students)

MEETING ADJORNED at 12:05 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 18 via ZOOM