

OWS Board meeting 12/2/23

Present: Sara Mellen, Karla Bullock, Don Uhland, Gary Huber, Barbara Fahmy, Maureen Liegl, Sandy Hoyman, Nick Newman, Kay Sorg.

Meeting called to order

Minutes of the last meeting will be approved at the next board meeting

Treasurer's report:

Gary shared the dues and budget spreadsheets

Member Martha Douglas left due to illness - it was decided that if/when she returns she will not have to pay dues for that semester.

The budget is on track - . Sara said the cost of the reception for the upcoming concerts will be minimal.

Sara said the Kroger program is not taking new people

Gary mentioned that Dan and Vicky Olson were big contributors and are no longer members.

We may need some help from other members in the future.

We need to meet with the church regarding rent - Sara requested to be present at the meeting

Sara discussed the QR code from PayPal which will be on the program for people to make donations. It can be 1 time or on-going. Sara will also discuss the QR code in detail with members after the first of the year.

Manager's report:

Sandy requested that people use the OWS manager email for communication rather than her personal email, or text for a faster response.

Sandy will send out an email to members that we won't be using the church until 1/11/24 after our concerts next weekend.

Director's report:

Nick said that any weekend in March works for the Cabaret. The board decided that the Cabaret will be March 15th and 16th 2024, and the Spring concert May 17th and 18th 2024. These dates need to be confirmed with the church.

**Addendum: Cabaret dates will be March 8th and 9th 2024.**

Nick mentioned there will be a couple rehearsal dates in the spring that he will be absent and will arrange for a substitute director.

Membership committee:

Barb F reports that Stephanie Moore has agreed to participate in the committee as well as Thelma Perkin as a consultant.

Ideas:

A mentor or buddy system for new members

Pre rehearsal meet ups - extra time to go over notes, rhythms, etc

Submit info about the chorus to nextdoor.com and yourhub - members may need help with these sites

More opportunities for solos

Rehearsal tools on the website rather than to individual email - Sara stated that an additional person will need to be trained on the website in order for this to occur.

Business cards to hand out during caroling

Vicky mentioned Parkhill newsletter

Other Business:

OWS Handbook

Sara asked who has reviewed the new handbook - many have not

Sara gave a brief overview of the revisions - it is now 4 pages and not 14, and the lengthy history is not included.

We don't want to overwhelm new people with a lot of responsibilities

Board members need more time to review so that it can be approved at the next meeting.

Please let Sara know about any ideas/changes, and if there is a need for a zoom meeting to discuss the handbook

Exploring other venues:

The places Sara has contacted in the Parkhill area have been unresponsive

Nick is aware of a church in Lakewood - We may need to look at another venue if St. Thomas does not negotiate a reasonable rent

Barb F also knows of a church

Sandy is willing to look at everyone's home address to see what location in Denver metro areas might work best if we need a new venue.

Tour in 2025?

Sara has emailed 3 different tour companies and spoken to 2

Oliver told Nick he is interested in the British Isles and that he will probably only do one more tour.

We need to form a tour committee and do a survey with members - where/ how many are interested etc.

Need to consult with Dean Rockwell regarding experience with coordinating past tours

Sandy mentioned channel 9 doing coverage for Sage Singers, and maybe they want to do something with us

Next meeting-1/6/24 at noon