

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Attendance

Jan Fair, Liz Ginebaugh, Becky Mickaus, Craig Saurman, Kevin and Karen Dobreff, Mal and Marilyn Brannen, Libor and Andrea Ondras, Aleta Wells

Absent – Tim Kernosky, Mary Oele, Linda Rumler, Ryan Pott, Sarah Maurice

1.2 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:22 pm.

1.3 Additions to Agenda

1.4 Approval of Minutes

1.4.1 Motion to accept minutes:

Craig moved to accept the minutes as written.

1.4.2 Second:

Jan seconded. Minutes approved.

2. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

2.1 President – Linda Rumler

2.1.1 Report

No report.

2.1.2 Action Item Status

2.2 Vice President – Tim Kernosky

2.2.1 Report

No report.

2.2.2 Action Item Status

2.3 Treasurer – Mal Brannen

2.3.1 Report

Treasurer's report is not available. The college is still balancing their books and our report will be pulled from there.

2.3.2 Action Item Status

2.4 Secretary – Mary Oele

2.4.1 Report

No report.

2.4.2 Action Item Status

2.5 Membership – Marilyn Brannen

2.5.1 Report

No report.

2.5.2 Action Item Status

2.6 Marketing – Andrea Ondras

2.6.1 Report

Selling ads with Grand River Winds was discussed. To clarify, we will each sell ads for both groups, and whatever ads we sell, we keep the profits, and the same will go for Grand River Winds. The advantage will be double the exposure for the ads. Ad prices are currently \$125 (full page), \$75 (half page), and \$50 (quarter page).

After discussion, ads prices will be increased to \$150 (full page), \$80 (half page), and \$50 (quarter page). Chair endowment will also be started this year, and the Music department will do the first chair at \$100 per season. They will also be listed in the programs.

We will also be printing a full year program in one publication to be used for the whole year. Full ad forms will be given out at the beginning of the season. Additional info will also be handed out with updated ticket prices and other guidelines. Ticket prices are going to \$8 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students. 10 and under are free.

Austin Piette also offered the option of trading ad space with Circle in the Park Theater and Civic Theater to offer more coverage.

2.6.2 Action Item Status

2.7 Director – Libor Ondras

2.7.1 Report

Libor spoke with Kathy about paying Bonnie, and she usually pays it out of the orchestra proceeds. Since we have no money at this time, we will have to wait until October to pay Bonnie from our funds.

Tim will be our MC to do announcements at the beginning of the concerts. We will be promoting the Conductor's Podium auction more this year as well.

Libor will talk with Media Services about having cameras at all the concerts to get multiple views of the concerts (stage side as well).

Libor will be auditioning two new violins and adding a couple of new basses. We will also be adding a timpanist, Joe Bell.

The website will be built on the school platform, and Liz will look at learning the software and building/managing the site.

For Ghoulfest, Libor talked to Bill Bockhout, and five of last year's soloists are coming for this year's performance of *Hansel and Gretel*. The first act will be original, then a spoken section, and adjusted conclusion including the aria. Bill is looking at getting some of the props from Opera Grand Rapids for the house and possibly trees, with us putting in an ad with Opera GR. Bill will measure the sets to see if they will fit. Costumes will be coming from the theater department, so there may only be soloist fees. 5-6 soloists plus accompanist, and will be approximately \$2000. Jan has a design for the woodcutter's house, gingerbread house, and oven.

The Christmas concert: Flat River Dance Company believes they can fill two houses for the *Nutcracker*. They can offer the orchestra members dinner if they play. Both shows (matinee and evening performance) will be on the same day. This will be the Saturday after our Friday performance with them. The orchestra may need some compensation for the second show.

Libor met with Ray and all the wind parts for the *Mahler* are being covered. We will need 4 bassoons would be needed. Choir is covered for this.

2.7.2 Action Item Status

3. NEW BUSINESS

St. Cecelia has raised their rates by 10%. This equates to \$6160 for the year, not including any other rooms. This breaks down to \$1190 per concert and \$350 per rehearsal. East GR High School is also an option as a venue. We need to raise the revenue to cover the increasing costs. Receptions afterwards will have to be reconsidered. The library will be used for our receptions afterwards for opera and spring. Costume contest for Ghoulfest will be in the library as well. We will continue discussion on other venues for future years. Parking for rehearsals and concerts is also at a premium, and Kevin will discuss the parking for our rehearsals and concerts. Preferential parking should be given to whomever pays for the venue.

For the Concerto competition, we need to have a date that coordinates with district Solo & Ensemble festivals and State S&E. We will also need adjudicators for this competition.

Liz will talk with Nick Palmer to get info on renting the Cathedral for early spring chamber concert. Whatever day can be fit into their Concert Series would be fine.

Libor spoke with John Mogur and discussed an adult chamber music workshop for early summer. If we get 30-40 people, we can get a few coaches and make this self-supporting. Libor will talk with Brian Morris also about this, since the guitar group does something similar.

Performance could be at the college, Park Church, St Andrew's, the Art Museum, or possibly Rosa Park Circle.

Linda will still have to contact Ryan about his participation on the board. Jan will discuss this with Linda.

4. ACTION ITEMS

Assignee	Task
a. Libor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk with Media Services about multiple cameras for projection of different views during a concert• Talk with Brian Morris about Adult Chamber Music Workshop plan
b. Liz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build and manage KPO website through GRCC• Talk with Nick Palmer to see how we can get onto the Cathedral Series calendar with a chamber program
c. Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue looking at design for Ghoulfest opera
d. Craig	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check for date for Concerto Competition
e. Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss with Ryan about remaining on the Board

5. CLOSING

5.1 Next Meeting:

Next Board meeting will be August 21, 2013, 7:00 pm, at Libor's house. 2311 Estelle Dr. SE Grand Rapids 49506.

5.2 Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Jan. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.