

NACUSAsf Meeting, July 26, 2012 -7:30 PM at Joanne Carey's home

Attending: Dale Victorine (*President*), Joanne D. Carey (*Secretary*), Brian Holmes, Nancy Bloomer Deussen and Sondra Clark.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Karl was unable to attend but left a report with Dale that summarizes our finances. After the June Delphi Concert our current cash-on-hand is \$1756. The estimated cost of our Fall CPE Concert is \$2400. That means an approximate shortfall of \$650 going into this concert.

Dale said that John Beeman offered to have a donation letter-writing party at his house. Our discussion of this fund-raising strategy concluded that such letters rarely bring in funds for us.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws

Dale brought up some of the decisions we made at a meeting at Nancy's house in Palo Alto in 2009 and observed that we haven't really followed through on some of them, the most important being to establish the by-laws for our chapter. Jeff has already essentially outlined these for us. Dale said he would get a finished version from Jeff and send it out to the board for approval and after that, to all members.

Delphi Concert Review

Nancy expressed her surprise and disapproval of their inserting a composition by a composer of their own choice, Pierre Jalbert, not knowing that Dale had asked them to include one of their favorite pieces in the concert. Sondra responded that she liked the piece.

Meeting attendees who were at the concert noted that they played superbly, with energy and musicality. Some were disappointed that they didn't stay after the concert to chat a bit. In spite of this feeling, we agreed that our first priority is the quality of the playing.

Dale noted that the audience was quite small for this excellent concert. He reported that when he asked the Delphi if they could help with publicity, there was not much response. He suggested that we put something in our contract with groups that they will help generate an audience. Brian offered that a specific

request would be more effective, such as the use of a group's mailing list when they perform on a NACUSAsf concert. Nancy added that while performing groups always have a contract, we should also have an adjustable contract-template to use when hiring professional groups. Those present agreed that this was a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Election for Two Offices:

John Bilotta is stepping down from the committee. We appreciate his management as chairman of the programming committee for the last two years. He set a new standard of organization and clarity of selection.

There are two Open Positions (Both of these nominees have volunteered):

Programming Committee Chair, two year term – Davide Verotta

Programming Committee Member, two-year term – Nancy Bloomer Deussen

Motion: Dale Victorine motioned to nominate Davide Verotta to a two-year term as chairman of the programming committee. Nancy Bloomer Deussen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion: Sondra Clark motioned to nominate Nancy Bloomer Deussen to a two term on the programming committee. Dale Victorine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Programming Fee

Dale proposed a \$75 fee for composers whose work is programmed on the CPE Concert. He said that John Bilotta and Karl Schmidt approved of this change.

Motion: Dale Victorine motioned to charge a \$75 fee to composers whose compositions are performed at our CPE Concert. Brian seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion: Brian Holmes motioned that NACUSAsf members who are retired and others with financial hardship be allowed to pay \$50 or less. Dale Victorine seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2013 Hired Group Concert

Dale related that Brian was introduced to a talented choral conductor named Eric Tuan, recently graduated from Stanford and a current member of the choral group *Volti*. Brian said he had the opportunity to hear him conduct a small chorus of 16 to 20 that he put together from Stanford students and was very impressed; he also got a positive response from some of the singers. He quoted Gregory Waite saying Eric was the most musical and talented student he had seen in 20 years. Brian said he discussed with him the possibility of his putting together a group to perform our pieces next year and Eric was interested, saying that the Memorial Weekend would be the best time for him. With the approval of those present, Dale said he would make Eric an offer. He hoped that \$1500 would be enough, but Brian was skeptical about such a low fee being accepted, suggesting at least \$1600 for 16 singers.

Dale also said he was looking for a venue for next year's hired group concert other than Covenant Presbyterian Church. We haven't gotten big audiences there and they are expensive and sometimes inconvenient. Los Altos Methodist Church on Magdalena was mentioned as a good venue.

Brian re-introduced a former proposal to have a second concert of this program at his church Campbell United Methodist Church. Brian said he would help fund this concert and would ask his church what they would charge.

On this positive note, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne D. Carey
Secretary of NACUSAsf