

Minutes of NACUSA Meeting, May 2, 2017

The meeting was held at the Palo Alto Café on Middlefield Road. Present at the meeting were John Beeman, Karl Schmidt, Herb Gellis, Simon Bokman, and Anne Baldwin.

The meeting was called to order by John Beeman, and the minutes of the April 11 meeting were approved as read.

Karl Schmidt gave the Treasurer's report. A donation of \$2386 has been received from Artifex Software (Peter Deutsch). The balance in our checking account is now \$8002. It is expected that the Ives concert on June 3 will cost a total of about \$3300.

Karl distributed copies of the IRS reinstatement letter, confirming our chapter's 501 (c)(3) status.

With excess cash in our account, we should once again give a young composers award at our fall concert.

It was decided that the \$75 requested on the score call for the June concert should be considered a donation rather than a fee for service.

Publicity in the local press was discussed once again. John sent out all the notices for our last concert, but it is a time-consuming process, because each paper has a different form on its website. John will write a press release and send it to other people to put onto various websites. We have no evidence for whether these notices matter to our attendance, however.

The June 3 Ives concert was discussed. We have never sent them a contract. Because of the shortness of time, John will send one directly to Pam, rather than to the Ives mailbox. We would like to have an earlier rehearsal than the dress rehearsal on June 2, if possible. John will ask Davide to contact Stephen Harrison about this.

Karl moved that we get a professional engineer to record the concert. The motion was seconded by Anne. There were four votes in favor, with one abstention. Karen Stockpole was the recording engineer suggested.

Karl will shortly go to the town to pay the remainder of our rental fee, and he will ask whether the town will have the piano tuned.

The concerts for the next season were then discussed. Two Composers and Friends concerts will be held. An Apr. 7 concert at Foothill Presbyterian Church has already been scheduled. The other might be on Feb. 4 or Feb. 11 (Saturdays) or on Sunday afternoon on one of those weekends. Karl will check with the Belmont church. They have now paid us our share of the revenue from last year's concert.

The CPE concert could be on Oct. 28 or Nov. 11. Karl will check with the Los Altos church. Simon suggested a wind quintet for this concert, but John told him it would be better to consider this for the June, 2018, concert. For the fall concert, Anne moved, and Karl seconded the motion to use piano, violin, cello, and soprano, since we have not used a singer for a while. The motion was passed.

John has arranged with the San Francisco Composers' Orchestra to exchange email addresses for promotional purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Baldwin for Nancy Bloomer Deussen