

Minutes  
NACUSA Meeting August 2, 2015

Meeting was held at the home of Anne Baldwin in Portola Valley. CA

Members Present

Dale Victorine, Peter Deutsch, Herb Gellis, Ben Hippen, Nancy Bloomer Deussen, John Beeman, Anne Baldwin, Karl Schmidt, Davide Verotta

Nancy Bloomer Deussen volunteered to be secretary and these minutes are submitted by her. Minutes will be sent to all members and also posted on the website by Herb Gellis.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Karl Schmidt.

The June 27 Divisa concert netted \$893.00 (including the cookie sale). The attendance was close to 60.

We have \$2,566 in bank and an additional \$300 which was a deposit to the city of Palo Alto for the use of Lucie Stern. This will be reimbursed.

Dale suggested we follow Fortnightly's example and try to get back co-sponsorship with the PA city.

We discussed how much we needed for next concert(6 performers: flute, violin, clarinet and tenor plus two pianists). The payment will be as follows: \$400 for each performer except for the pianists who will receive \$300 each.

We discussed the possibility of using only one pianist offering \$300 for 3 pieces and adding \$100 if there are more pieces. In the end we decided to try this idea next year. instead.

We discussed sending thank you notes for donations. Should Karl send them more frequently? Since we are minus a president each of us is doing additional duties so Karl passed out a sheet showing the duties he has been performing

Approximate yearly income is about \$5,000:

Donations-\$2,281.00

Concerts-\$1,500

Dues-Unknown as we are still receiving them

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Board and Committees**

Peter suggested that we split up the responsibilities for each event (concert) we have so one person is not unduly burdened.

### **Marketing and Publicity**

There will be two members of the committee.

Karl Schmidt will produce posters and postcards

Ben Hippen will cover Internet and newspaper calendars announcements (does this also include Facebook?)

Dale Victorine will be our SVAC Representative

Peter will do audience slips for the concert doorprizes

Someone will enter E-mail addresses into MAILCHIMP (I don't know if we decided who).

### **Selection Committee**

The selection committee consists of Davide (chair), Nancy BD, Libby Kardonchik and new member Peter Deutsch. The selected music (and those weeded out if we had too many submissions) will be sent to the performers. They will make the final selections. Once the music has been sent to the musicians and they have sent back their decisions that ends the contact between the selection committee and the musicians. The selection committee should inform the musicians who else will contact them next.

John volunteered to send out meeting reminders (they will be on Tuesday nights).

John is the business rep for the ensembles and handles contracts. We need contracts for each new ensemble we hire.

We did not discuss who handles rehearsals.

John mentioned that we can also have smaller pieces for brass than using all 5 instruments (for the brass quintet concert).

We are postponing the question of contacting new ensembles for new concerts. Previously it was the president's job but sometimes people have friends, know musicians etc or have connections so we will discuss possible ensembles at the February meeting.

Karl made a motion to thank Dale for his work as president. It was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Bloomer Deussen, secretary