

MARIN MUSIC CHEST MINUTES

November 7, 2014

Present: Joe Angiulo, Rob DeNunzio, Bob Greenwood, Elaine C. Johnson, Phyllis Mart, Gwyn Lister, John Rando, Michael Struck, Kristin Womack, Corinne Swall, Philip Hicks, Michael Gerling, Carolyn Ashby, Jan MacNichols, Nancy Scott, Martha Wall

Absent: Jim Boitano, Spencer Michels, Stan Bransgrove, Virginia Pierce

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes of September 5, 2014 approved

Treasurer's Report – Elaine

Two checks were written and two contributions were made.
Adjustments were made to the balance regarding an uncashed check.

Committee Reports

Auditions -- Michael Struck

Spencer Michels will join the Audition Committee.
Mike and Jan will ask Katie Dennis to join the committee.

Finance – Elaine

Elaine has been contacted by the Marin Music Teachers Association and Singers Marin about receiving grants. Criteria for grants have been set.

Kristin would like to see the application form for grants on our website. Joe wants to invite organizations to apply so we will not be inundated by grant requests.

Elaine will contact the four groups to which we have given grants.

Nancy and Michael S. would like the grants advertised. Joe wants information on grants sent to Kim to be publicized.

Bob reminded us that donated funds only go to scholarships and the endowment pays for the grants.

News Notes – Bob

Bob wants to feature Mariko Smiley in News Notes. He would like vignettes about scholarship recipients.

Marin Community Foundation Update – Corinne

Corinne provided an informational sheet about the MCF. She questioned President Peter's decision to drop arts funding and capital improvements. On Dec. 2, Corinne, Joe A., Bob G., and Martha Wall will meet with Supervisor Damon Connolly regarding letters sent asking that the Marin County Board of Supervisors appoint the two directors with backgrounds in arts and culture that they are charged to appoint.

New Business – Joe

Checks and Program order

In the future, checks must be cashed within 30 days. If done later, the bank fees will be the responsibility of the recipient. A note explaining this will accompany the check.

There was general agreement that scholarship winners and their accompanists need to make sure that they are available for the whole concert. Elaine will work on the wording of this policy and bring it to the January meeting.

Program order is at the discretion of the Marin Music Chest committee.

Donor Envelope and Letter

Elaine and Bob worked on new designs for the donor envelope. Bob will receive a bid for a 1000 envelope order.

Information on Audition Form

Bob and Michael S. acknowledged that applicants frequently do not include pertinent information on the audition form. It has been difficult to get (such things as) opus numbers and accompanists' names for the scholarship concert.

We will assume that the recital piece will be the same as the optional audition selection if not notified ASAP.

Program Design

Joe and Nance wanted the current design simplified. Martha disagreed and believed that the format was excellent and that all the information was necessary. It was agreed that Martha will take over the preparation of the program. Elaine will purchase “In Design” for Martha.

Old Business

Junior Vocal Auditions

These will be continued for ages 14-17.

Donor Lists

Joe will update donor lists—active period is April 1 to March 31.

He encouraged, demanded that we bring last year’s donor lists and to come up with at least SIX new potential donors to contact this year. He also requested that we remember to personalize the donor letter.

Bob wanted us to notify him of anyone who has moved or moved on.

We were reminded that the donor envelope, letter, and MMC brochure will only require standard postage for which board members are responsible.

Scholarship Recipients

Phyllis wanted to be notified on the audition winners right after the event. Michael S. will add the names to the MMC website.

Miscellaneous

Bob wanted to discuss raising the scholarship amount (again) instead of giving more grants. Bob wanted to consider a luncheon meeting so the board members can interact (on a different level.) Elaine will consider organizing a party in January for May. We may celebrate Virginia’s birthday in January. Remember the Marin Chamber Performances.

Meeting Adjourned – 10:58 a.m.

Future meetings: Jan. 9, Mar. 6, May 1, (2015) Auditions: Juniors, Mar. 14; Seniors, Mar. 28, 2015. Photo Shoot: April 4. Scholarship Winners Concert: May 3, 2:30 p.m. (San Domenico) Young Artists’ Concert: May 17, 5:00 p.m. Mill Valley Tamalpais United Methodist Church.

