

MINUTES OF AUXILIARY MEETING January 18, 2024

President, Nancy Pasfield, called the meeting called to order at 10:13 a.m.

Attendees were Nancy Pasfield, Lenore Jonasson, Kristen Beda, Theresa Godchaux, Chris Gulotta, Robin Keeler, Dale Naylor, Pam Niner, Terry Trauner, Diane Winder, Christine Hruzalams, Patty Jaquith, Shirley Timmerman, Lynn Whalen, and GTMF staff member Emma Kail

Upcoming meetings

- March 21, 2024 will be a zoom meeting
- May 16, 2024 will be a combined Zoom and live meeting (venue to be the Library if available).
- July 18, 2024 (luncheon), and September 19, 2024 will be a live meeting

Nancy talked about her efforts to find a venue to hold meeting live and via zoom. The library has the capacity to do that and there is no charge for non-profit organizations. Unfortunately, the time and date of January 18 at 10:00 a.m. was already booked. Nancy reached out to the executive committee with options for the meeting. Theresa offered her home so the meeting was held at her beautiful home.

The Minutes for the November 15, 20023 meeting were approved,

MEMBERSHIP

Louise reported we have two new members, Lynn Whalen (who was present at the meeting) and Kimberly McMorrow.

Lynn reached out to us. She lived in Casper for a long time with her husband and four children. They bought a place in Jackson in 1984 and have moved here now. She is a docent at the park and was a lobbyist for the medical association. She was also involved with the symphony and art museum in Casper

Kimberly was not present but was nominated by Kristen who stated Kimberly has been very active in the community spearheading a native plant month of Wyoming with the government and created a native plant poster.

The new members were approved. We have close to 35 members now.

There is no progress on the portal as of this time.

Auxiliary dues of \$100 must be paid before the July luncheon. They can be paid via the portal.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

A-For the winter season we have several volunteer opportunities

1) Usher for the events. The GTMF Auxiliary is asked to take 4 of the 6-8 usher roles at the following events. Ushers generally arrive a hour before the event for doors open a one-half hour before.

January 28 - MET opera 3PM

February 4 - Time For Three 4PM

February 11 - MET Opera 3PM

March 24- MET Opera 3PM

June 2 - MET Opera 3 PM

2) Request for 2-3 people to bring snacks or cookies to the operas. Drop off at 2:00-2:15 before the show at the center for the Arts.

B- We'll be reviewing the plan for the summer season in the early April timeframe. If you have any suggestions or comments for improvements please let M.E. know.

C- All of the opportunities are set up in the portal. You can go to our portal to sign up or use this link.

Please sign up so we can track the activity. If you have any questions or difficulties please let M.E. know. M.E.Weber. 267-312-2776 or

STAFF REPORT

Emma Kail said we had a wonderful December where we had to add a performance. We had an audience full of students at a matinee at 10:00 a.m. and the artists did three performances in one day. We had 350 students from Coulter Elementary (the Spanish immersion school) and the artists incorporated Spanish throughout the performance. The children were interacting and shouting back in Spanish. The theme of the of the day was snow and it did snow at the end of the performance.

It was reported we exceeded our fund raising goals and have a small surplus.

We have hired three new staff members. Ashley Hernandez-Salinas will be working as the Community Engagement Manager and is our first Spanish speaking employee. She has a degree in music education and masters in arts administration. She's been a summer intern. She started remotely this week.

Madeline Lauver, Executive & Marketing Associate, who comes to us from Chicago. She will be Emma's assistant. She speaks German fluently. Her father has been a horn player with the festival for over 20 years, and is a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony. She is also working remotely at this time.

Jeremy Perkins will be working as our Patron Services Liaison. He will be taking over for Nick Warmuth, who is moving to Oregon. Nick has been helping by working remotely while we transition. Jeremy is finishing his doctorate in trumpet.

Housing for staff is coming soon.

February 6, 2024 will be the announcement for subscriptions and purchase of tickets for YoYo Ma, who will be performing August 7 for our 50th anniversary of Walk Festival Hall.

The opera we are presenting for January 28 is Dead Man Walking starring Joyce DiDonato. This is a drama based on the memoir of Sister Helen Prejean. On February 4, we have Time for Three. They are classical musicians of the highest level but will play a variety of music and will also do a concert for the school district the following day.

Several other operas are on the schedule.

The opera for the season ending performance will be The Magic Flute, which will require a bigger cast but fewer musicians.

In 2026, Donald will be the new Music Director for Dresdner Philharmonic when he is finished in Berlin. The Dresdner Philharmonic is a traditional symphony so his performance preparation and rehearsal schedule will be one week instead of six to eight. He's been traveling to various places in the United States recently and will continue to conduct in various cities throughout the United States this year. Emma attended his performance at the MET and the reviews were spectacular. Donald will be here on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty reported the Spanish Opera is scheduled for February 11. She has contacted Tim to alert him that the opera starts at 3:00 and the Super Bowl is at 4:30. They will explore rescheduling the opera.

OVATION

Chris reported they are navigating the use of the center and thanked Pam for donating wine for events. They are working on boosting attendance by a younger demographic. A link was sent for Time for 3 along with the invitation. Printed ads should be starting soon. It was suggested a QR code could be used. Noras will be providing appetizers.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy talked about the tree decorating at the Soroptimist fund raiser at the Virginian. The GTMF themed tree was auctioned for \$1,100 and the event raised \$100,000 overall. Nancy thanked all who helped with this event.

Nancy is uncertain if she will host a cocktail party this year.

The meeting ended at 10:48