

Grace and Spiritus Chorale of Brooklyn

Board Meeting 2.25.14

At Ellen Telzer's Apartment

7 pm

In attendance: Jason Asbury, Eliza Hicks, Ellen Telzer, Priscilla Reichel, Dorothy Rick, Carol Weinrod-Velez, Deborah Victoroff, Denise Worker, Gordon Reynolds, Alan Beck, Laura Brophy., Christine Mackellar

The Director's remarks:

Jason Asbury reported that he has reached out to musical directors of other choral groups in Brooklyn with the goal of positioning G&S as a leader in the choral world of Brooklyn. Invites went to 12 directors, 7 have responded that they are interested in a conversation re: a combined event in June (perhaps a Brooklyn Choral Festival).

Jason's documentary film "Sing Out! Essex County Choral Festival" is showing at the Newark Museum.

On 3/4/14 Jason will be meeting with several conductors about the Fall season.

Jason is working a collaboration with SOB - The String Orchestra of Brooklyn with intention of performing together on a concert in November '14. Focus is on celebrating living, and new Brooklyn composers. Spring '15 plan is to perform with the BSO - Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra - Nick Armstrong, conductor.

Presidents remarks:

Eliza Hicks talked about the "June Sing", see above, program not chosen yet.

Ellen Telzer, Finance Committee reported on the Gala 3.7.14. 37 tickets sold to date. Each choral member asked to buy 2 tickets (\$60 per ticket). Need 50 tickets minimum to break even (auction income not included)

Jason reminded board that many tickets are sold last minute at the door.

\$1404.00 received via pay pal. \$400.00 donors cannot attend. Expect silent auction to add to the funds raised. Venue is the Plymouth Church. Dress code is 'party dress'.

Eliza Hicks remarked that she will speak at the Gala about G&S honorees: long time members Eugene and Frances Mintz, Gilda Roberts, Kathie Rugger and Renata Schwartz.

Denise Worker, Treasurer, reviewed the budget and handed out a printed report. She said we will finish the year in the black. Starting balance on 8.1.13 was \$15,519.00 (total deposits \$22,390.63). Balance as of 2.25.14 is \$9,905.00. See budget report. Goal is to make 10k from the Gala and 15K from the Spring ad campaign.

Eliza talked about grant applications. Brooklyn Arts Council granted \$1000.00.

Ellen talked about the planned donor 'cultivation' event/party to tell them who we are and get them excited about us. Didi and Barry Scheck will host.

Eliza talked about the name change status: She met with Reverend Muncie at Grace Church to talk about how we valued our relationship with Grace, that we are thinking of updating our name to reflect current membership. Board will narrow down name suggestions then present to all members for a vote.

Eliza spoke about our presence on Facebook, with 150 likes so far, and encouraged everyone to 'like' our pages.