

## **GRSA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2016, 3 PM**

**Present:** Patty Sandoz, Pam Moore, Dale Lauritzen, Cheryl Hudson, on Skype – Alice Trindle

To start the meeting, Patty passed out 3 one-page documents.

They were:

- GRSO Dress Rehearsal and Concert Dates,
- Chamber Concert Series 2016-2017 & 2017-2018,
- GRSA Board and Executive Committee Meeting Dates 2016-2017

Patty said that Keith Van Vickle had met with her previously, because he was unable to attend the meeting on this date. Patty had also met with Zeke Fetrow and Peter Wordelman about possible orchestra/choir collaborations in next year's concerts.

If the Grande Ronde Symphony is able to secure funding, the March concert would include college and community choirs from Ontario and La Grande, besides having the GRSO. The piece that Zeke and Peter would like to perform is: Brahms's Requiem. Because this would require 2 joint rehearsals and 2 performances (one each in La Grande and Ontario), around \$10,000 needs to be raised to pay for this performance. The tentative breakdown is: \$4,000 for busing, \$1,000 (\$500 to each community choir), \$1,500 for choral music copies +? for orchestra music, and \$3,000 for food.

Peter had suggested to Patty that the GRSA should bear the costs of the concerts and all of the proceeds would then go to the GRSA.

Finding a single corporate sponsor for the concert would be the best solution. Patty had a list of possibilities, including: Walmart, Albertson's/Safeway, US Bank, OR Ida/Simplot, Union Pacific Railroad, among others. Alice added the Three Mile Farm, from Hermiston and the Pendleton Bus Company.

Patty said that Peter had suggested that one corporate sponsor, should be our first line and having \$2,500 sponsors could be our second line, if the first didn't work out. Alice suggested that we might be able to get the Pendleton Bus Company to donate some, or all of the busing costs.

Dale suggested that we prioritize the businesses. Alice agreed.

Patty asked that we make a list of businesses and who would approach them.

1. Three Mile Farm – Alice
2. OR Ida/ Simplot – Patty
3. Union Pacific RR – Dale

4. US Bank – Alice (Cheryl)
5. Walmart – Pam (Cheryl)
6. Pendleton Bus Co. (in kind) – Alice.

Patty will call Sarah Miller about possible grants that might work for the concert and she will ask Becky Replogle, of TVCC in Ontario, if she can assist in finding funding.

Contacts should be initiated by August 8<sup>th</sup>, with a “go, or no-go” on each, by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The annual newsletter needs to go out by September 5<sup>th</sup>. Patty told Alice that she could put out an email newsletter, now, with the info she has about the auction and Chamber Concerts.

Dale mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce can supply our bulk mailing #. Pam will look into it, as our annual bulk mailing fee is due, soon.

Auction and Chamber Concert information was discussed. The drawing for annual ticket holders is supposed to be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was agreed upon, that it should be postponed, until the end of August.

There was general agreement that the orchestra should still perform a concert in Baker City. The Leo Adler grants could possibly be lost, otherwise. Even though the Children’s concert has been moved to the afternoon of the Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> La Grande concert, it was suggested that we perform in Baker City on the following Saturday or Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. Patty said that the orchestra would be working with the La Grande High School choir on this concert. She will consult with Zeke about adding another concert to our schedule.

There are two lists of GRSO supporters, Pam will combine them.

Patty closed the meeting at 4:40 PM.

Submitted by Cheryl Hudson - secretary