

San Francisco Opera
Supernumerary Committee

September 20th, 2006

Minutes of the meeting

The following members of the Supernumerary Committee (the "Committee") of the San Francisco Opera (the "Opera") were present for the meeting:

Katie Heibein	Kimberly Thompson
Andrew Korniej	Walt Thorp
Barbara Sherman	Laurel Winzler
Paul Szczesiul	Rob Wonder

Also present at the invitation of the Committee were April Busch and Mike Harvey. Paul called the meeting to order at 6PM. The minutes of the August 29th, 2006 meeting were reviewed by all members and approved.

Financial Report:

A verbal update was given by Katie to include the recent proceeds from the Un Ballo Bake sale. A motion was made to approve the new balance and seconded.

Old Business:

Bake Sale:

Un Ballo – Reviewed the sale and made recommendations for the next sale as noted below. Also noted proceeds from the sale of \$807.00 which included the sale of 12 tee shirts.

Fledermaus - It was decided to try and get more entries for the sale and less desserts. Also we need to get more signage. Walt is going to make a sign "Bake Sale today" and have it posted at the security guards station on the day of the event. Hopefully all entering the house will be enticed to join us. Bake sale is to start at 12:30, with set up at noon. Paul is going to do send two emails to remind everyone about the event. Joan is going to be out and Katie will fill in for her.

ID Badge Update – April advised the Committee that everyone in current productions has their new badges and that she only had a few more to distribute to supers that need house access.

Super Handbook – The final has been posted to the web.

Annual Party Sub Committee Report - Barbara discussed the issue with the caterer that we used last year (Intimate Catering) and provided the Committee with a menu from Goldstein. Goldstein comes highly recommended and is in our price range. Walt proposed that we use Goldstein and the motion was approved. Open items that need to be addressed with the caterer are the number of bus boys and china rentals. A motion was made to accept Goldstein's menu. The motion was approved.

Andrew proposed that in order to get more of the active supers invited to the party we decide to take a two tier approach to pricing. He suggested that we charge one ticket price for supers and one for guests. A motion was made to accept this approach and approved. The actual pricing for tickets was tabled.

A plan was developed regarding number of guests and "active vs. inactive" supers. April is going to provide us with a list of supers who are currently in productions. Each active super will receive an email inviting them to the party and inviting them to bring 1 guest. This email will go out prior to the inactive supers and lightwalkers being invited. It will also go out prior to any Spearhead news posting. The priority invitation will be given a two week timeframe before the second group is invited. In the mean time a "Save the Date" email will be sent by Paul advising supers of the party date. A motion was made to accept this plan. The motion was approved.

Miscellaneous Party items: The following items were all noted and approved by the Committee.

Rob is going to donate the Red Wine and 2 cases were donated by Rosenblum Cellars.

Walt is going to donate White Wine.

Costumes will be optional.

Katie is going to do the Thank You notes after the party.

Rob offered to donate \$200.00 towards the entertainment.

Paul is going to get out a target budget as soon as possible.

Entertainment – A discussion was held about entertainment and we agreed to try to get choristers to perform and join us for the party. Walt, Laurel and Kimberly were all going to talk to different choristers and get back to the committee.

Parking and Safety Sub Committee Report – April advised the Committee that Drew was working on the security issue and was looking to get more guards/security presence in the area. A long term option is to get more lighting in the area. She also stated that the Opera Company was willing to work with the Committee and secure 10 spaces at the Performing Arts Garage providing that the Committee:
Provides April with a list of the supers who will be assigned the spaces
1. All supers that have guaranteed parking will agree to forgo their \$10.00 performance payment.

The Committee thanked the Opera Company for their prompt response. Discussion of this was tabled until the sub-committee had time to review.

Tee Shirt Update – Tabled

New Business:

Coordinating photo opportunities – April informed the Committee that Tom Carlisle will no longer be coordinating the super photo shoots. The Opera Company needs to have only one person responsible for taking pictures for each production so that interruptions to the principals are minimized. This is a must do or no one will be allowed to take pictures. A motion was made that the PSC select one super to coordinate this task. The motion was seconded and approved.

Workout Space – Discussed the workout space Gockley mentioned in the Chronicle article. Issue has been tabled until we see what the Opera Company is going to do.

Pride Parade Float – Discussed the possibility of having a float and getting more exposure for the Opera during Pride events. Walt is going to pursue Cara in marketing.

New Super Recruitment – April would like us to work with her to recruit

new supers. Different approaches were discussed. It was decided that an application was to be posted on Spearhead. April would also like to set up a booth during one of our outdoor events.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on October 17th, 2006 at 6 PM unless there is a conflict with the Manon rehearsal schedule.

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.