

San Francisco Opera
Supernumerary Committee

August 29th, 2006

Minutes of the meeting

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

Katie Heibein	Paul Szczesiul
Andrew Korniej	Kimberly Thompson
Barbara Sherman	Laurel Winzler

Absent and excused from the meeting were Walt Thorpe and Rob Wonder.

Also present at the invitation of the Committee was April Busch. Paul acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at 6PM. The minutes of the July 25th, 2006 meeting were reviewed by all present and two changes were noted. The changes were to be made and the updated minutes redistributed.

Financial Report:

The report from Joan was distributed and changes noted. Motion was made to accept report. The motion was seconded.

Old Business:

Chair: A motion was made to nominate Paul Szczesiul to Chair the Committee for the next year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Opening Night Chocolates: Andrew is going to be responsible for seeing that the opening night chocolates are delivered for the first two productions. We are going to have to look at securing a new vendor for next year. Numerous suggestions were made and the issue was tabled.

Ballo Bake Sale: Barbara offered to Chair the first bake sale. Kimberly offered to clean the linens after each sale and make sure they are available for the next event. Paul is going to work with April to get the fliers posted prior to the event. The Bake Sale checklist was distributed by Paul and a change in set up time was the only issue noted.

Annual Party Sub-Committee: Barbara is going to Chair the sub-committee. Laurel and Katie are also going to work with Barbara. There are some open issues for the full committee to discuss, such as ticket price, etc. These will be agenda items for the next meeting. Paul will be responsible for seeing that David Gockley and April Busch receive invitations to the party.

New Business:

Super Manual Draft: Paul distributed the latest draft of the Supernumerary Manual. It was reviewed by all and several changes were suggested. A motion was made to approve the manual with those changes. The motion was seconded and approved. Paul is going to see that corrections are completed and that the final manual is made available on Spearhead News.

ID Badges: The Committee reviewed the proposal that April had emailed to the group. A motion was made to accept April's proposal. The motion was seconded. April will work with Human Resources to get the final plan approved and implemented. Paul will post the final plan on Spearhead News.

Parking: A spirited discussion was held regarding parking and safety around the Opera house area led by Laurel. Andrew handed out a summary showing crime incidents and the location of the crimes in the Civic Center/Opera House area by type of crime. April presented statistical information regarding the number of parking spaces available in the three Opera house lots (250), the costs, and the numbers required for employees or by union contracts (more than actual available). Everyone at the meeting is concerned due to the increase in crime activity and the increase in late calls for this fall season. The committee agreed to separate this into two issues - safety and parking, since safety is an issue for those supers who do not park and use mass transit. A motion was made that the Production Super Captain hand out packets at the first rehearsal and at that time also discuss safety. The motion was seconded. Another motion was made to establish a sub-committee to meet April's boss to discuss getting parking passes for the supers. The motion was seconded. Laurel is going to Chair the sub-committee. Andrew and Katie will work with her on this issue. The parking committee will develop a proposal for the full committee review prior to the meeting and report back at the next Committee Meeting.

SF Opera E-newsletter: April wanted us to be aware of an opportunity for supers to contribute to the Opera's e-newsletter. Jessica Wan will be available to meet with supers to get material for the newsletter. April is going to email us date, time and place for the interviews. Also the supers will be able to have a small space available in the Opera house for an exhibit. If anyone has any old photos from current productions that can be used please let April know.

T-Shirts: Andrew led the discussion on getting new t-shirts for supers using the existing logo. He presented the costs and the opportunity for us to make a profit if we act quickly and have the shirts in prior to the Ballo bake sale. A motion was made for him to order the shirts. The motion was seconded and approved. The discussion for a new logo and design was tabled.

Gay Pride Float: Tabled by Walt

Workout Room in the Opera House: Tabled by Walt

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 20th, 2006 at 6 PM. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.