

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

Supernumerary Committee

July 10, 2005

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:

Susan Anderson
Irene Bechtel
Marcel Delgado
Bradly Hamilton
Mike Harvey
Priscilla Lore

Barbara Sherman
Paul Szczesiul
Kimberly Thompson
Sally Warren
Rob Wonder

Committee member Irene Bechtel was not present. Mike acted as Chair of the meeting and Priscilla acted as Secretary.

Mike called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He suggested that Priscilla send him the minutes from past meetings to post on the website.

The minutes of the June 22, 2005, meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report

The financial report was delivered at the meeting by Joan Imbeau who arrived at 10:45. The last deposit of \$542 from the June 19 bake sale brought our balance to \$2,437.57. The report was approved.

Old Business

Welcome New Members: The Committee welcomed new members Marcel Delgado, Bradly Hamilton, and Barbara Sherman.

Bruce McNaughton: Susan presented a message from Bruce thanking the website group for doing such an excellent job. Rob suggested that we post the message on the website.

New Business

Paul opened a discussion of the purpose of the Committee. He suggested that the Committee address issues besides the annual party. Kimberly reported the positive things she had heard about incoming general director David Gockley, which may mean a larger presence of supers during his tenure. Susan gave a brief history of the Committee and its changing role over twenty-two years, as well as her discussions with Gockley about supers while attending subscriber events. Marcel brought

up the presence and involvement of the Committee at auditions. Also discussed was Carrie Murphy's focus on supers in relation to her other duties. A suggestion was raised that the Super Captain's presence be eliminated at Committee meetings.

It was also suggested that a history of the Committee and supers be prepared for the website. Bradly noted that the process for getting roles was unclear; discussion of this issue followed. Susan said that the Opera should have a standard process in place for assigning roles to supers.

Costume shop sale: Susan suggested that we let them know, without Carrie's input, that the Committee and other supers are ready to help them at the sale. Mike thought that there could be a Committee liaison with casting and costume departments; it was suggested that the whole Committee could act as liaison.

Other Business

Liaison with Spearhead News: It was decided that Mike's essential role in contributing to and maintaining the website while a Committee member continues after his term on the Committee ends. The Committee voted unanimously to have him be the liaison between the Committee and the website team.

Raffle: Kimberly mentioned a website that offers t-shirts with funny sayings about opera. She suggested that we could raffle them at the super party.

Other opera news: Mike, Paul, and Kimberly were encouraged to submit a small story about their experiences in Festival Opera's Un Ballo in Maschera for the website.

A photo session for the new Committee followed. Outgoing and incoming members of the Committee were toasted.

Paul mentioned that the Super Plaque with Mike Harvey as 2004 Super of the Year would be mounted on the super wall. He also mentioned that he would be ordering chocolates August 1 for the season.

Mike brought up what a great job Charlie Lichtman had done on cards for supers at Festival Opera and asked whether he should be asked to do them for us. The Committee was unanimous in its approval of the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting will be August 23, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th floor conference room of the Opera House. Bradly will act as chair.