

The Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc.

Winter General Meeting, Thursday, February 1, 2018

The Winter General Meeting took place at the Bonterra Restaurant. President Mike Rutledge called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. The minutes of the 2017 Fall General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Susan Carr, Treasurer

- November was an uneventful month with minimal activity. In December income was received in the form of unrestricted contributions, Youth Festival contributions, Young Artists registrations, and Kitchen Tour Chairman's Circle contributions.
- From June 1 through December 31, earnings were \$2600 below expectations. Expenses were also below budget. The early months of 2018 will show increased income for the Kitchen Tour and Youth Festival balanced by increased expenses for both.
- It is critical the Symphony Guild raise as much as possible in the 3 early months of 2018.
- On December 31, the Checking account balance was \$11,652; the Reserve Account was \$33,509; the Endowment account was \$53,734.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.

Membership –

- Mike Rutledge thanked Jenny Tolson for planning the luncheon and the program. Jenny announced that plants on the tables could be bought for \$5.
- Mike announced the Spring Social (to be held on April 24, 2018) and the Spring General Meeting to be held on (May 15, 2018.)

Management and Planning –

- Richard McKnight, Budget and Finance Chair, met the day before.
- Richard thanked our Office Coordinator Victoria Gilmore for the large amount of work she is doing for us and also for the stability that her work provides to the Guild.
- The Nominating Committee has announced the current nominees for Officers for the year 2018-2019: President Mike Rutledge; Pres.-Elect TBD; Secretary Carol Follmer; VP Fundraising Robin Cochran; VP Management and Planning Elizabeth Connor Stewart; VP Membership Susan Vadnais & Co-VP TBD; VP Education TBD; VP Marketing TBD; Directors Class of 2018-2020 TBD. Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer are continuing in their second terms. Requests are out for the majority of the TBD positions.

Education – Donna Kiser VP

- The Young Artists competition is to be held Sunday, February 4 at Queens University. There will be Senior Division of 9th through 12th grades only.
- Youth Festival will be held on February 21. Sharon Lacy and Marta Fales are Chairs. The Senior youth orchestra will play a side by side concert with the Charlotte Symphony. Volunteers are needed for this event, and the jobs are easy. Janet Cauley is in charge of volunteers, and there will be a Sign Up Genius.
- The Musical Petting Zoo instruments are being loaned to the Jewish Community Center for a function on February 10.
- Jeanna Norris of the CSYO Parents Association reported that the youth orchestras' Spring Concert is on May 13.

Fundraising –

Kitchen Tour

- The Taste of the Tour Party will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Food and drink, dueling chefs, and a signature cocktail will be featured. The Silent Auction committee is trying to acquire a large number of items to match last year's list of 159 items. That auction cleared \$18,000, and it's hoped that we can match that this year. Barbara Kopald, a member who moved to California, is helping us obtain auction items and also chefs to participate. There is a great need for members to go out and solicit items; the Auction committee will be happy to help with printed material and suggestions of what to do and where to go.
- Sallie Moody reported on the houses to be toured. All are different and have different architects and designers.
- The first part of the Tour will take place Friday night, March 16 and will feature various cocktails and other drinks at each house. Alcohol to be served includes: Doc Porters, Muddy River Distillery, Copper Barrel Distillery (moonshine), Red Clay hard cider. The tour committee is looking for a good source of draft beer. The second part of the tour on Saturday, March 17 will feature some chefs who have participated in the past in addition to some new ones.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the Auction at the Taste of the Tour party. To help, contact Sallie Moody.
- Mary Staton reported that Victoria Smith, a former member who has returned, is helping with Marketing for the Tour. The CSO is also helping. Online ticket purchase confirmations go live today (February 6). The website banner is being updated.
- Last year's Silent Auction at the Taste of the Tour Party has won a prestigious award from the League of American Orchestras.
- Sallie Moody reviewed the ticket purchase requirements for Active Members and Active Couples.

Maestro Warren-Green

The Charlotte Symphony maestro visited the gathering and talked about next year's programs. He announced that Joshua Bell will perform at the symphony's gala concert at the beginning of the season. He announced also that he is in charge of the music for the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in May. He thanked the Guild for all that we do to support the CSO.

Announcements

Mike introduced the new members in attendance. He also announced the following membership anniversaries: Kelly and Russ Algood (5 yrs.), Elizabeth Connor (5 yrs.), Joan Foley (20 yrs.), Richard and Anne McKnight (20 yrs.), Barbara Mobley 920 yrs.), Janet Cauley (25 yrs.), Kathy Prokay (25 yrs.), Catherine Connor (30 yrs.), Dolores Weems (35 yrs.), Ellen Crowley (40 yrs.)

There was no Old Business or New Business.

Joan Foley moved that the meeting be adjourned; Francie Lopez seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Follmer, Secretary