

The Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc.

Spring General Meeting, Tuesday, May 15, 2018

The Spring General Meeting took place at Mary Staton's home, 2431 Hartmill Ct., Charlotte, 28226. President Mike Rutledge called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

The minutes of the Winter General meeting on February 1, 2018 were distributed by email prior to the meeting, and copies were available at the meeting. Susan Carr moved that the minutes be approved. Linda Borders seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report – Susan Carr, Treasurer

- All bills have been paid, and all income has been reported through May 11.
- Income at \$110,000 falls short of the budgeted \$122,600, but that is because the fall fundraiser budgeted to earn \$15,000 did not occur. The Kitchen Tour earned more than expected, and there were more unrestricted donations than expected. Expenses also fell below the budgeted amount.
- The budget for 2017 – 2018 called for a donation of \$10,000 to the Charlotte Symphony. If the Guild made that donation, its net profit for the year would result in a negative income for the year – a loss. At the Board meeting earlier today, the Board voted to give the CSO the remainder of funds after all income and expenses have been recorded. That amount will approach \$7,000.
- The Board also approved the budget for 2018 – 2019. It called for no expenditure for youth camp or mini camp. The reason for excluding camp and mini camp was that there is no prospect of a major fundraiser in the next year, and without that income, the Guild cannot replace the funds spent on camp. Replacement would be necessary because of the large expense of camp. Also, the current youth orchestra is separating from the CSO, and the Guild's mission statement ties it legally with programs sponsored by the CSO.
- There are budgeted amounts for 2 small fundraisers next year. Those funds in addition to the funds being held this year will pay the Guild's operation expenses, scholarships, youth festival expenses, and young artist competition expenses.
- Susan think all committee chairs and VP's for keeping their expenses within the budget and for working hard to help their committees earn their budgeted income.

Management and Planning – Elizabeth Connor Stewart, VP

- Thank you to Richard McKnight for his work on the budget and to Susan Carr for all her financial work. Thank you to Victoria Gilmore for her work as our Guild office administrator – for the many extra hours she worked this year in helping all committees.
- Thank you to Long Range Planning Committee members Lisa Phillips, Sallie Moody, and Linda Weisbruch for their work on planning how to move forward in transition.
- Nominating Committee – Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Kathy Prokay, Marta Fales, Betty Lou Newcomb, Stephanie Stenglein, and Linda Borders for their work in developing the slate of officers for next year. The slate to be elected tonight is: President: Mike Rutledge; Secretary: Carol Follmer; Treasurer: Susan Carr; Asst. Treasurer: Tammy Matula; VP Education: Linda Weisbruch; Fundraising: Robin Cochran; Management and Planning: Elizabeth Connor Stewart; Membership: Debbie Abels, Board members 2018 – 2020: Richard McKnight, Wendy Smolen, Susan Vадnais, Ellen Caldwell. Linda Borders will serve as Immediate Past President. Board members continuing into their 2<sup>nd</sup> year are: Rosa Dest, Joan Foley, Ann Guild, Donna Kiser, and Cookie Parnell.

- Thank you to those members leaving the board this year: Jenny Tolson and Ellen Crowley.
- The slate of officers was presented for a vote by members. The slate was approved.

#### Membership – Leigh Finley, VP

- There have been few renewals (18) online so far. Members are urged to renew. Postal service reminders will be mailed the week of May 21.

#### Fundraising – Robin Cochran, VP

- The Paul Simon pants event with Lisette pants earned the Guild \$1,200.
- Sallie Moody, chair of the KT auction, announced that there are still chandeliers and a vanity light that can be purchased at a fraction of their value. Please contact Sallie for information or to make a bid.

#### Education – Donna Kiser/Beth Garges, VP

- Auditions are continuing until Saturday. Students earning orchestra spots in auditions will be able to choose which orchestra they join, but those details will be worked out later.
- Mike Rutledge explained that the CSYO will separate from the CSO and will become an independent orchestra. The CSO will continue to sponsor a youth orchestra program which will be different in some ways. Students may be part of one or the other orchestra or perhaps both. Planning is in the preliminary stages. The Guild wishes the independent orchestra, the Youth Orchestras of Charlotte, luck and hope to continue some type of partnership. The Guild will in the meantime continue its longtime support of the Charlotte Symphony's youth orchestra program.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Rutledge has tasked each area within the CSO for volunteer opportunities in which Guild members can participate. He will gather them with information explaining the type of job involved, how often, where, etc. and will communicate that information to members when it's available. In return we hope that the CSO will be of some assistance in helping us recruit new members.
- Katie Sutton will continue as liaison between the CSO and the Guild. The Guild and the CSO have worked this year to become partners.
- The Guild will be re-considering membership levels and will look at membership models of other organizations .
- There will be opportunities for SGC to continue to support youth music education and to raise funds – opportunities of all types for members with different ideas of what they want to do. Mike asked that members continue to support the Guild as it tries new things.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Follmer