

Genesee Chorale Agenda  
March 30th, 2026

Meeting called to order: 9:01pm

Attendance: Caryn Wood, Eric Wood, Celebruin Pierce, Julie Graham, George Graham, Marianne Garrigan, Lindsay Edwards, Ric Jones

Treasurer's Report: Review of 2025 Financial Statements (see attached)

- We did make a profit which will carry over into the next budget
- Increased expenses are partly due to hosting 3 concerts
- GoArt Grant and Patrons remain our biggest source of income
- Eric will be working on filing our taxes

Motion to accept the 2025 Financial Statements:

Motion: Julie Second: Celebruin Vote: PASSED

President's Report: GoArt Grant 2025 & Reception on April 18th (\$6,000 awarded)

- We need to be at the reception in Gillum-Grant in Bergen to receive the award. Eric and Caryn are attending.

Recent 3/28 Concert:

- Rick James (sound technician) did a lot of work and set up for our concert on March 28th. We would like to give him a thank you gift. A motion was made to donate \$50 to him from the Chorale funds  
Motion: Celebruin Second: Marianne Vote: PASSED
- The United Methodist Church was paid \$200 for the use of the facility
- 8 GoArt Surveys were returned.
- GoArt has an extensive list of requirements that we need to adhere to for the grant including a land acknowledgement, and many others.

Director's Report: Ric-

- Joe has the set up parameters for the Gloria concert
- Soloists are set, \$300 each payment 3 - two sopranos and 1 alto (Amy Grable-Zimmerman, Mariari Bukuri, and Mary Wojeckowski)
- Six Instrumentalists are hired at \$200 each

Old Business: Concert Review: Discuss both December & March 28th concerts.

- Both were well received by the public and were well attended. ~110 people at the March concert, ~135 in attendance in December
- Doug was very difficult, especially to Rick James. Caryn would like to have a personal conversation with him about what is going with him and what we can do to help. There has been a growing tension with Doug and the directors.
- Thanks Julie for getting the concert into the Pennysaver
- Daily News had the wrong location
- Batavian never responded (which is unusual)

- Video news service responded and we need to pay Alecia Kaus \$20 for putting up our poster

Motion: Celebrate Second: Eric Vote: PASSED

- Do we want to do the Muckdogs game again this year? What days do/don't work best for people? They have not reached out yet, but Caryn would like to be prepared if they do.
  - Now will be much earlier than previous due to change in league
  - Avoid June 26th (Celebruin and James wedding)
  - Avoid Wednesday (Lindsay)
- Can & Bottle Collection: April 13th OR members can drop them off to Batavia Bottle and Can anytime

New Business:

T-Shirts: Caryn is working with Extreme Streetwear in Batavia. Shirts will be dark blue with the 55th Anniversary logo that Ric added to our website on the front in white and gold/yellow ink. On the back, it will read, "When words fail, music speaks to the soul" in white ink. An example of that logo is here:



The black text will be white on our shirts.

The shirts will be available in men's sizes Sm-6XL and women's sizes XS-4XL. (Size guide will need to be asked for)

Examples of the shirts are here:



The shirts will be \$10 each which covers the shirt, printing, tax, and a flat \$20 set-up fee. We would like for the Chorale to pay for these shirts once Caryn has the invoice, in order to maximize the amount of time we can collect from individual members. 60/40 and 50/50 cotton blend

Caryn needs to have the sizes and quantities to the vendor by April 21st, and then will be able to pick them up just prior to our concert in May. We will offer receipts to all members via an order form they fill out and then receive back with the shirt.

We expect we will have approximately 30-45 shirts in this order, so it should total approximately \$300-\$450, but will depend on total items ordered.

Motion to pay Extreme Streetwear in an amount not to exceed \$600 to cover the total costs for our 55th Anniversary Genesee Chorale shirt order.  
Ideally will have them the Monday prior to the concert.

Motion: Cele Second: Marianne Vote: PASSED

Any Other New Business:

- Annual meeting will be April 20th.
- Lindsay will be off the board after this semester (term limit)
- We need to ask Darryl if he wants to continue on the board.
- We need at least 1 new board member, but ideally 2-3.
- Caryn and Eric will be done after next year, so a new president and treasurer will be needed.
- Janine is interested in coming back on the board but this may be a conflict of interest due to her position as an associate conductor and she would need to abstain from votes and may affect quorum.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:41pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Lindsay Edwards