



Symphony Guild of Corpus Christi (SGCC)

Monday, January 6, 2025

Minutes of General Meeting and Luncheon at the Port of Corpus Christi

Members present: Kevin Koehler, Bill Reed, Sue & Frank Byrne, Judy & Charles Mellenbruch, Ron Graban & Tracy Jackson, Sylvia Whitworth, Robin Nutter and guests Kristina Willm, Blakeley Millsaps, & Sarah Milnarich, Mary Jane & Bob Hamilton, Patty Nuss, Jim & Mary Carmen Leech, Carolyn & Bill Hallett, Robert Garcia & Bill Richmond, Brad Kisner, Laura Guzman, and Dottie Ewing.

Brad Called the meeting to Order at 11:36 a.m.

Members present looked over the minutes from the December 2nd meeting at Ara's. Brad declared a motion to move the minutes. Bill was first to approve, Jim second the motion. All present agreed.

Jim went over the Treasury report bills paid Ara's December lunch, Office Depot, needing to pay TAMUCC bill from Margaritas with the Maestro event, etc. The current balance is \$16,931.78

Brad announced that Ramsey and Pam Longbotham bought a Lifetime Couples membership. Thank you.

Brad thanked Patty Nuss for organizing the Orchestra Appreciation dinner and everyone who came out to help serve. A big thank you to all who helped at the December 8th Youth Orchestra Concert and to Sue & Frank Byrne for organizing the goodie bags for the youth orchestra. Robin Nutter said they loved them!

Tuesday, March 4th Margaritas with the Maestro at KEDT studios. They were very happy to have us do an event at their studios. Thinking this would be a great opportunity to do a roll out announcement on our 2025-2026 Symphony season and have our new Symphony mugs done to feature at the event.

Bill Richmond talked about the Sunday, February 2nd "Broadway at the Port" Fundraising event 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction, Musicians, Desserts from the Galley, a bar with champagne, beer, wine, and soft drinks. If you have any items for the Silent Auction, please contact Carolyn Hallett or Jo Woolsey. There will be complimentary Valet parking. There will be an intermission for 20-25 minutes.

Second Act will Brad would like to promote the event and would like to get an article about the upcoming event in the Caller Times newspaper or in The BEND magazine. Robert Garcia asked Brad if he would be on tv on Domingo Live. Brad said that he would like to see if KEDT can promote it, too. You can purchase tickets online at the Symphony Guild Corpus Christi website: symphonyguildofcc.org

Tickets are \$100 per person or \$200 for 2 people. Limited to 100 people. Get your tickets as soon as possible! There are also sponsorships available. Please contact Bill Richmond at billrichmond@mac.com or you can purchase Sponsorships online, as well at symphonyguildofcc.org

The Jazz Hand Sponsor on the Symphony Guild web site (\$750) includes 4 tickets to event, Quarter page ad in program, Logo and Name in all printed signage, Thank you and recognition at the event.

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Proscenium Sponsor (\$2,500) includes 10 tickets to the event, full page ad in program, Logo and Name on the Guild's web site, Logo and Name in all Social Media posts, Thank you and recognition at the event.

Bill Richmond needs volunteers to help with setting up at The Port on Saturday February 1st 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and beyond. Rehearsal for musicians is at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday February 2nd prior to the event Set up tables, chairs, silent auction items, etc. Please come by to help set up and make this a wonderful event! Please promote to family, friends, and business colleagues, etc.

Robin Nutter, Symphony Executive Director brought her new office staff to the Meeting and Luncheon Kristina Willm (Symphony Development); Blakeley Millsaps (Symphony Marketing); Sarah Milnarich (Symphony Director of Operations)

Kevin mentioned Haleigh Arden O'Neill and said she is in Germany performing and enjoying it, wanted to say hello to everyone. She is in the Youth Orchestra. The SGCC fundraising event will help pay for youth orchestra scholarships. Robin said she has press contacts and Blakeley can help with that to promote the Port of Corpus Christi event.

Meeting concluded at 11:58 a.m. and the Luncheon started. Everyone enjoyed the box lunches and the opportunity to see The Port. Thank you to Bill Richmond and Brad Kisner for organizing the meeting/luncheon. Thank you to Jim Leech for checking in and collecting luncheon payments.

Our very own Symphony Guild of Corpus Christi member, very talented pianist Kevin Koehler will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City. We wish Kevin and his family a wonderful time and safe travels in this incredible opportunity!

Membership renewals or new memberships for the SGCC are done online at symphonyguildofcc.org. If you have any question about your membership dues and if they have expired. Please contact Carolyn Hallett at Carolyn@billhallett.com Symphony Guild Membership 2025-2026 Season is \$40 a person per year or \$60 a couple per year. Lifetime Membership for Individual \$500, Lifetime Membership couple \$750. Thank you to all who have paid their dues or who have bought a Lifetime Membership. We greatly appreciate it! Please encourage friends and family to join this wonderful organization! We had a wonderful turnout at this meeting. Thank you to all who were able to make it.

Next Monthly SGCC Executive Meeting and General Meeting and Luncheon to be announced.