

Manatee Opera Guild Board of Directors
March 12, 2025, 10:00 am
Elizabeth Aversa's home
Minutes of the meeting

Present: Elizabeth Aversa, Cathy Knobel, Linda Buchhart, Maryanne Hazen, Angela Korsmo, Syble DiGirolamo, Jeanne Yeagle
Attending by phone: Richard DeGennaro

Call to order, establish quorum: Jeanne called the meeting to order at 10:20; a quorum is established.

Secretary's minutes: Elizabeth moved and Linda seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Maryanne distributed copies of the report. February expenses of \$15,211.09 and income of \$8094.54. Merrill Lynch balance \$17,253.80. Syble moved and Elizabeth seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.
This year's winner of the Helen Jepson Deller award of \$3000 is Tessa Fackelmann.
The Deane Allyn award goes to a Youth Opera scholarship.
Jeanne moved and Maryanne seconded to donate \$5000 to the SOA at the March membership meeting. Passed unanimously.

Education Committee: Elizabeth said that the staff at the Lakewood Ranch Library would like to have more presentations from the opera group. Martha Collins will do a presentation this summer.

Membership: Jeanne said that there 78 current members; four new members.
Jeanne Scacchetti has volunteered to be the new membership chair. Jeanne Yeagle will train her during the upcoming months.

Syble: Wrap-up of Fashion Show. Total revenue \$7789 plus another \$100 from A Tu. She will send report in email.

Hospitality: Cathy said that there was a positive response to the postcards that Linda et al sent reminding people to stay for lunch.

Richard: SOA news: New season was announced last month. Current season is doing well.

Publicity: Brenda has no news.

Revised by-laws: Jeanne suggested that the Hospitality Committee be included in the bylaws, section 10, and that the Web Master be added as section 9. Jeanne moved and Linda seconded to present this at the membership on Friday. Passed unanimously.

Changing the MOG Board meetings back to Tuesdays beginning April 8 was discussed and all present agreed to return to Tuesday for the Board meetings.

New slate of officers: Syble and Jeanne and the rest of the nominating committee drafted a list of nominees. (See below for the list) Maryanne moved and Linda seconded to accept the slate of nominees. Passed unanimously. Will present to the membership meeting on Friday for a vote of all members present.

Adjournment: Jeanne adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am.
Recorded by Angela Korsmo

Minutes from the general membership meeting at Palm Aire, March 14, 2025.

Rich DeGennaro called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Suggestion of change to the By-laws to be voted on at the membership meeting.
By-laws addition: The position of Webmaster be added as a board position. Elizabeth Aversa moved and Meg Weinberg seconded. A voice vote passed unanimously.

Richard DeGennaro presented the slate of officers that the nominating committee developed.
A voice vote passed unanimously.

President: Elizabeth Aversa
Vice-President: Valerie Giuliani
2nd Vice-President: Events: Syble DiGirolamo
Treasurer: Meg Weinberg
Assistant Treasurer: Maryanne Hazen
Secretary: Angela Korsmo
Webmaster: Maryanne Hazen

Committees:
Bel Canto: Jeanne Yeagle
Publicity: Brenda Ianiro
Education: Richard DeGennaro
Membership: Jeanne Scacchetti
Tribute Fund: Linnda Buchhart
Hospitality: Cathy Knobel
Petite Parties: Syble DiGirolamo

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