Manatee Opera Guild Board of Directors
Elizabeth Aversa's Home, January 8, 2025, 10:00 am
Minutes of the meeting

Present: Elizabeth Aversa, Rich DeGennaro, Cathy Knobel, Jeanne Yeagle, Syble DiGirolamo, Linda Buchhart, Angela Korsmo

Call to order, establish quorum: Jeanne called the meeting to order at 10:27. A quorum is present.

Secretary's minutes: Elizabeth moved and Linda seconded to approve the minutes with the spelling error corrected.

Treasurer's report: Maryanne was not present, but she had distributed the financial report. December income is $1516.65, expenses $407.06, Merrill Lynch balance $8187.12. Suggestion that the Sweetheart make the next donation to SOA at the Sweetheart luncheon meeting in February.

Education Committee: Elizabeth Aversa reviewed the upcoming preludes on January 17 and February 21, Richard Russell's talk at the Lakewood Ranch library on January 24, Maestro DeRenzi's talk on February 5 at the Opera Courtyard. Discussion of plans to improve our visibility including rack cards, poster, et al.

Membership Report: Jeanne reported that there are 72 current members, 11 holdouts. Discussion of contacting unpaid members.

Syble: The fashion show invitations will be sent next week. A' Tu will provide the fashions, and Elizabeth said that she will work with Sandy Rath to arrange for the models.

Hospitality: Cathy said that Palm Aire now requires a lunch minimum of 30 people; the minimum for the buffet is 40. Because we likely wouldn't reach 40, we will consider eliminating the buffet. We can ask the staff to use take-out containers for the uneaten lunches, and members can buy them for $20.

Stars of Tomorrow and report from Richard of SOA news: Rich said that the account with Simpletix is set up, the tickets have been sent to all members to sell. Rich is clarifying the contract details. Rich will ask Maryanne if she will chair the lunch for the singers.

Publicity: Brenda: not attending today
Old Business: none brought up
New Business: none brought up
Adjournment: Jeanne adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

January 17, 2025, Special meeting at Westminster Manor
Present: Jeanne Yeagle, Elizabeth Aversa, Rich DeGennaro, Cathy Knobel, Syble DiGirolamo, Linda Buchhart, Angela Korsmo

Call to order: Jeanne called the meeting to order at 11:20 am. A quorum is present.
Syble moved and Linda seconded to appoint Jeanne and Syble to a nominating committee for officers for the coming year. Passed unanimously.
Special meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Recorded by Angela Korsmo
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