

Manatee Opera Guild Board of Directors
Maryanne Hazen's home
October 7, 2025, 10:00 am
Minutes of the meeting

Present: Elizabeth Aversa, Maryanne Hazen, Jeanne Yeagle, Linda Buchhart, Syble DiGirolamo, Valerie Giuliani, Richard DeGennaro, Angela Korsmo

On phone: Brenda Ianaro, Meg Weinberg, Jeanne Scacchetti

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 10:09 and welcomed everyone. A quorum is present.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the September meeting were approved as corrected. Maryanne moved and Jeanne seconded; passed.

Treasurer's report: Meg/Maryanne: Maryanne said that September expenses of \$7177.87, and income of \$18,635.09. ML balance of \$18,865. Syble moved and Rich seconded to approve; passed.

Syble suggested and Maryanne moved to write a check for \$6,000 to add to the \$4,000 already collected; passed.

Committee reports

Membership update: Jeanne Scacchetti said that there are four new members (three are couples) added to make a total membership of 80. She is following up with those who were member but have yet to renew their membership for this year.

Education/Preludes: Richard reported that he spoke with the staff at Westminster and things are ready for the preludes. Linda Buchhart offered to collect the money. Elizabeth moved that Meg, Maryanne, Richard determine with Square a way to use credit and debit cards and Linda seconded; passed.

Publicity: Brenda said that she is sending information to the Observer, Parrish News, Sarasota Magazine, and Lakewood Ranch Magazine. It was suggested that the Parrish News be contacted with items about the TOWN Club and also the OnStage Concert on November 12. The new calendar cards are distributed at the clubhouse and other places. Maryanne suggested doing an interview or a feature article with pictures. Brenda requested Linda Green's contact information regarding requests for speakers.

Tributes: Linda said that there was one last month and another for November. She reminded us that the holidays are a perfect time to send tributes. Maryanne suggested adding some donation money to the tribute fund. Lewis Wasserman and Cathryn De Young or Kristine Ryan. *(why did I put these three names here?)*

Hospitality/monthly meetings: Cathy is returning from her northern home and will be at the general membership meeting next week.

Bel Canto: Jeanne Yeagle reported that she sent out the October BelCanto, but a lot of people did not receive it. Have information to Jeanne by the 27th or 28th of the month for inclusion in the next edition. Please send documents in a PDF.

Web: Maryanne asked that we send her any information to be added to the website.

Special Events

On-Stage Party: Syble said there are five people who have not sent their money. All the hot food and most of the cold food is arranged.

Christmas/Holiday party: Syble/Maryanne – Same format as last year. Entrance fee is \$30, and bring a food item to add to the buffet.

Stars of Tomorrow Concert: Valerie said that rack cards are to be distributed at State College of Florida. The ticket system works well. Syble suggested that in the future we focus on the On-Stage concert until November, and then focus on Stars of Tomorrow.

Fashion Show: Syble -said that preparations are going well.

Old Business: Cooperative event with SOG. Perhaps next month we will hear something. Elizabeth requested a copy of the by-laws; Jeanne will send.

Elizabeth reported on correspondence from the Opera House re gifts from MOG. It was decided not to archive the correspondence.

New Business: Maryanne asked that anyone who gives Meg money, have it in an envelope and clearly state how much and what it's for.

The ad hoc MOG/SOG collaboration committee will meet as soon as a date is agreed. Jeanne commented on the excellent work at Westminster regarding the Afghanistan refugees.

Brenda raised the question of developing a list of speakers and topics. Elizabeth will send her list of 10 reasons to enjoy opera and suggested Linda Greene.

Good of the Order – things are going well.

Adjourn: Elizabeth adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.

Recorded by Angela Korsmo
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