

Summit Choral Society
Annual General Meeting

DATE: October 13, 2025

TIME: 6:05 P.M. TO 6:59 P.M.

WHERE: Christ Lutheran Church, 16072 CO-9, Breckenridge, CO 80424

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Symon Stanley, Treasurer Tracey Lambert, Fundraising Gail Smith, Membership Karen Whiteley and Gail Marshall, Artistic Director Anna Ahrens, Secretary Janelle Kopp.

CHOIR MEMBERS PRESENT: 43 of 71 current, fees paid members. See attached roll call list of attendees.

[I snapped a photo of the 4 sign up sheets; this explanation will not be part of permanent minutes]

AGENDA:

- Opening remarks from President Symon Stanley
- Elect Membership Chair (see attached descriptor of duties)
- Vote for Logo image
- Appoint committee chairs (see attached descriptor of committees and duties)
- Reports from Fundraising, Treasurer, and Technology
- Address from Artistic Director

OPENING REMARKS: President Stanley introduced the board members' agenda, and explained that the complexity of our organization requires help from everyone.

DECISIONS: Voting done by voice or hands (no counting—visual confirmation of majority).

- *Doug Bair is the new Membership Chair for a 3-year term.
- *Voice vote for new logo (see attached). Logo designed gratis by Symon's brother.
- *Members are invited to email Symon with suggestions and comments about the choir and leadership.

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached) Tracey Lambert: We need an injection of \$5000 by end of year to balance. The organization will be insolvent by 2028 if we're unable to increase fundraising, and/or member dues. Dues are currently \$120/year. By show of hands, the budget was approved.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT Laurie Rambaud: Laurie has been upgrading the website and encouraged everyone to utilize their own social connections to increase publicity, concert attendance, and to attract new members. She encouraged everyone to donate via Colorado Gives now through 12/10/25, because nonprofits receive a percentage of the fund equal to the percentage they raise.

FUNDRAISING Gail Smith: Gail has a tentative caroling schedule and the online sign-up will be active soon. We now have new caroling books plus an insert for \$15. The goal is to be consistent and professional in appearance and performance. Magnets with our QR code will be available to hand out at gigs to further promote SCS. In January Gail will apply for Monday Music partnering with the Town of Dillon at the Amphitheatre. The partnership with NRO on July 30, garnered \$737.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Anna Ahrens: Anna explained that her philosophy and criteria for music selections is that the piece must make sense and connection to our internal community, the choir, as well as to our community at large, the audience. As another way to connect with the community, she has promoted co-sponsors at our concerts. Choir members are encouraged to inform Anna of non-profits whom they think could benefit from that partnership. A consistent co-sponsor has been Smart Bellies and we have a work-session with them in the near future. A future goal is to organize a Choral Fest including other choirs for workshops and a culminating concert. Our choir has invitations with other entities. 1) Boulder Symphony Orchestra performs April 26, 2026, Beethoven 9th "Ode to Joy". Joining them would involve commuting to Boulder for rehearsals and for the performance. 2) Our local National Repertory Orchestra, NRO, has invited us to join them for a summer concert. Anna's concert is balancing instrumentation with our smaller choir voices and feels including other choirs would be appropriate. Attendance would be strict. No commitments have been made.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (see attached list for descriptors)

- Concert Master will continue with James Kennelly and Jim Luellen.
- Music Librarian will be supervised by Jim Luellen with help from Rob Miles, Dawn Koch and Jack O'Neill.
- Hospitality Chair is now Cathie Hill
- Publicity Chair is unfilled.
- Scholarship Committee consists of Elaine Prellwitz, Theresa Owsley, and Eric Degerberg.
- Choir Photographer and Choir Historian is Sue McHenry
- Grant Writing is Laurie Rambaud (not disclosed at this meeting but confirmed prior).
- Travel Committee for 2027 is Bob Kopp, Cathie Hill, and Lotta Timberlake.

Respectfully submitted
Janelle Kopp, Secretary