



**Torrance Chorale Friends**  
**Board Meeting – November 6, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Nakano Theatre**  
**Agenda**

**Attendees**

Karen Peterson, Susan Suhr, Jill Hoffman and Lynn Thomas, Ed Trimis and Linda Gohata

**Concert**

- Program Ads
  - Susan will distribute program ad forms to all singers at rehearsal tonight. Ads are due to Gia by November 27.
- Determine city funding for concert expenses
  - Gia has informed Ed that the city will pay for musicians and other concert expenses.
- Proposed stipend payments to North High and South Bay Children's Choir
  - The board previously approved the payment of stipends of up to \$500 to Torrance area schools for performing with TCC. The board agreed that a \$500 stipend will be paid to North Torrance High School.
  - Additionally, Ed told the board that the Music Center will be paying TCC a \$1,750 stipend for performing on Christmas Eve. The Music Center has approved his request to have the South Bay Children's Choir sing with TCC. Ed has requested approval to pay \$750 of the stipend received from the Music Center to SBCC. Jill Hoffman made a motion to approve this payment. The motion was approved by the board. Ed will be following up with the Music Center to request that the stipend check be made payable to Torrance Chorale Friends.

**Scholarship Proposal**

- Ed's proposal for scholarships for Torrance High School music students
  - Ed provided an overview of his proposal to implement a scholarship program for high school seniors graduating from Torrance area high schools. He is aware of other choral organizations who have this type of scholarship program. He suggested that an annual fundraising event be held to fund the scholarships. Karen checked with TCF's tax accountant prior to the meeting to find out if the scholarship program would be a permissible activity. The accountant advised that the scholarship program would be a permissible activity if it supports the Torrance Civic Chorale's mission/purpose. We examined a copy of TCF's current bylaws and determined that, as currently written, it is not clear that the scholarships are within the scope of TCF's purpose statement. Karen will research the process for possibly revising the bylaws. She will contact Gia for her input on this. The board agreed that the scholarship program would strengthen the chorale's community outreach efforts. They also

noted that additional volunteer resources would be needed to support the scholarship program and related fundraising events.

**TCF Tax Returns**

- 2022 tax return filing deadline is November 15, 2023

**TCF Bank Accounts**

- The attendees briefly reviewed the schedule of TCF's bank account balances as of October 31, 2023.