

The Chatham Chorale
Minutes of Board Meeting, July 16, 2019

Present: Tom Philips, Bud Ferris, Betsy Ferris, Mary Giorgio, Bill Leigh, Pat Antonucci, Mary Jo Nabywaniec, Cindy O’Leary, Faith Little, Chris Vancisin, Kathy Olsen, Shelly Sequin, Joe Mongelli, Lynn Herbst.

Absent: Joe Marchio.

1. **Meeting called to order** by President Tom Philips at 6:38 p.m.
2. **Board Reorganization:**

MOTION. To elect Tom Philips President, Chatham Chorale
Mary Jo Nabywaniec, Recording Secretary
Bud Ferris, Treasurer
Kathy Olsen, Assistant Treasurer

VOTED/APPROVED.

MOTION. To appoint the following 4 members to be designated signees of the Chatham Chorale checks: Tom Philips
Bud Ferris
Kathy Olsen

VOTED/APPROVED.
3. **Clerk’s Report.** **MOTION.** To accept the minutes of June 18, 2019 with minor changes corrected. **VOTED/APPROVED.**
4. **Treasurer’s Report.** **MOTION.** To approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.** (Approved as attached.)
5. **Director’s Report.**
 - a) Symphony/Chorale-Nantucket Concert. On the 3rd Sunday of December, the 15th, the Symphony is asking the Chorale if we would join them with 20 of our singers on Nantucket for the day. (Discussion of the particulars, including, for instance, payment to us in the case of inclement weather, followed.)
 - b) There is a Chamber Singers Concert in its initial planning stage, potentially to be held on November 17th at the Eldridge Library @ St. Christopher’s, Chatham. It would be a joint fund-raiser for both the Chorale and the library.

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6. **Ticket Sales:** How to incentivize our members to sell tickets?
Have a 15 minute meeting at the end of the 1st rehearsal to discuss strategies with members about how THEY each sell their tickets individually AND read the responsibility portion of our by-laws during that first meeting.
During the 2nd meeting, how do we implement our ideas.

Discussion of our 50th Season Celebrations:

Of the 23 listed 50th Season Ideas that (so far) have been accumulated, the Board narrowed it down to 3 of its favorites:

1. A Gala Banquet – in May?
2. Big Sing – invite former singers
3. Imprint 50th season logo on scarves to wear in concerts

Added to the 23 ideas were: build a float for the Chatham 4th of July parade to promote the Chorale

Hold a free concert to celebrate the Chorale as well as make us more visible

(the complete list, so far, is available upon request and suggestions are more than welcomed!)

Tom will be putting out a newsletter to the Chorale with all the items our members should be thinking of in relation to our organization.

7. Committee Reports:

Promotion: Lynn reported that the Brochure was nearing completion, the layout of the ticket page will remain the same for this year, with innovations for next year. Someone has already purchased the inside front cover of the Season Booklet.

Web-Master: The order form will now be on our web-site.

Development: Betsy has sent out the grant list and is requesting that anyone who wants to write grants to call her. Lastly, a reminder that Raif automatically calls previous advertisers for our Concert Program book.

Business Sponsorship: Joe Mongelli asked the Board to contact him if they had contacts within the Business Community that would fit into the Sponsorship category. He is also in the process of collecting programs from Capewide performances and is requesting that members pick these up while attending various shows and that they share them with him.

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A Thank You to Christine for hosting a wonderful break during this meeting.

A date for next year's Banquet has been set: Friday, February 21st, 2020, rain date: the 22nd.

MOTION: To adjourn. VOTED/APPROVED. Adjourned, 9:12 p.m.