

FINAL
MINUTES
CHATHAM CHORALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 19, 2020 – Virtual meeting via Zoom

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

Tom Philips called the meeting of the Chatham Chorale Board of Directors to order at 7:13 p.m.

Clerk’s report: **MOTION:** to accept the Minutes of the Board meeting held on April 21, 2020 as submitted by Mary Jo Nabywaniec. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Treasurer’s Report: Bud Ferris, Treasurer, submitted the FY20 financial report and noted during his report the generous bequest of Al Seigal to his beloved Chorale. That being \$10,000. **MOTION:** to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Scholarship Committee Report: Shelly Sequin reported that the winner of this year’s scholarship was chosen by the Committee, the winner being: Kinsale Steedman of Falmouth Highschool. The Committee will send Miss Steedman a letter informing her of this award and will post an announcement on the Chorale’s website. The Board would like to thank each and every member of the Scholarship Committee for their outstanding work in this endeavor. Great job! **MOTION.** To award the Chatham Chorale Scholarship, 2020, to Kinsale Steedman of Falmouth Highschool. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Nominating Committee: Tom Philips reported that Gene Sink is heading up the Nominating Committee and that there are three openings on the Board. The members of the Nominating Committee are Gene Sink (Chair), Pat Antonucci, Bill Leigh, Mairead Doherty and Cheryl Bryan.

Finding our way forward:

(a) Financial projections for FY21 and beyond

Treasurer Bud Ferris presented financial projections for some possible scenarios/assumptions about the composition of our concert programs for the next couple of years. We will revise our assumptions as we see how the pandemic environment evolves. Bud will describe the various options to our members at the Annual Meeting on June 25th.

(b) Music Director’s input and additional options for which we should develop projections

The Director reported that Jung Ho (CSO) wants to go forward one concert at a time, thinking the Holiday Pops could be the first one, but no one knows at this time. If we were to participate in that concert, the Chorale would have to begin rehearsing in October, unlike the Symphony orchestra members who pick up their music a few days in advance of the concert. It might be safe in December but not October.

Bud mentioned there are three requirements for a plan to come together:

1. A place to rehearse
2. People to rehearse
3. A place to hold the concert

In the case of the Symphony, if it is a “go” for the Pops concert, the venue would not be an issue, but in any other scenario, before a vaccine has been distributed, all three of Bud’s requisites would have to be dealt with.

Betsy Ferris stressed that it is important we adhere to what the MA Department of Health recommends as State guidelines during this COVID pandemic. Discussion followed concerning Phase 4 of the CDC policy and talk about suspension until we can safely start up again continued. At this point Tom Philips suggested that he would, with input from the Board members, compose a letter that would be sent to all Chorale members addressing next year’s concert season in relation to the Coronavirus epidemic.

(c) Fall Appeal

We might communicate to our businesses either through e-mail or by snail mail how the Chorale has been operating. This should not be an “appeals” letter soliciting funds.

MOTION. To suspend our appeals letter until we are unsuspending. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Contract with Raif Bassett.

We have a signed contract with Mr. Bassett as of December 2019. He is, at this time, still acquiring ads for the program booklet. Tom will have discussion with Mr. Bassett.

Benefit Concert/Cape Cod 5 grant. We have written to Cape Cod 5 letting them know that we intend to perform the Benefit Concert at some time in the coming season. By July 1 we will let them know of our plans for the Benefit Concert.

Executive Meeting. Before June’s Board meeting (next month), an Executive Meeting will be Held to decide on compensation for both Joe and Donald.

(d) Survey of our Members

As part of Tom’s letter to the Chorale updating it on next year’s concert season, he asks for comments and questions concerning the Coronavirus situation as it effects each one of us in relation to the Chorale. These replies can be sent by e-mail to Tom Philips.

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Chatham Chorale will be held via Zoom on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. There will be election of three new Board members and the re-election of current members whose terms end on June 30, 2020. The Clerk will spend a few minutes highlighting the past year’s activities, the Treasurer will report on our finances and a discussion of the prospects for resuming rehearsals and concerts will follow.

Adjourn: **MOTION.** A motion to adjourn at 8:36. **VOTED/APPROVED.**