

Chatham Chorale Board of Directors
RETREAT MEETING: Tuesday, July 21, 2020
7:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M. via ZOOM

Final Minutes

Present: Bud Ferris, Joe Marchio, Bill Leigh, Deb Mahaney, Mary Jo Nabywaniec, Shelly Sequin, Cindy O’Leary, Pat Antonucci, Mary Giorgio, Michel Perrault, Chris Vancisin, Lynn Herbst, Leslie Roselli, Kathy Olsen.

Absent: Faith Little.

Call to Order: 7:05 P.M. Welcome to new Board Members. Preview of the Agenda.

Clerk’s Report: **MOTION.** To accept, as amended, the minutes of February 18, 2020 of the Chatham Chorale Board meeting via ZOOM. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

MOTION. To accept the minutes of the Executive Meeting, via ZOOM of the Chatham Chorale Board of Directors, June 15, 2020. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

MOTION. To accept, as amended, the minutes of June 16, 2020 of the Chatham Chorale Board of Directors meeting via ZOOM. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

MOTION. To accept, as amended, the minutes of June 25, 2020 of the Chatham Chorale Annual meeting via ZOOM. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Treasurer’s Report: a. End of Year FY20 – handed out by Bud Ferris– discussion. **MOTION.** To accept the end of year FY20 Budget as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

b. End of Year Report 6/30/2020 – FY20 Tax and Form PC filings.
This is our official document for tax purposes. It includes the \$2000 grant money from CapeCod5. We will leave it until we hear from them. We give materials to our accountant for filing taxes and Form PC as well as filing our Annual Report with the Secretary of State in August 2020. **MOTION.** To accept the End of Year Report as submitted for tax purposes. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

c. FY21 Budget-July 2020 report distributed by Kathy Olsen. Correction on page 2. - \$4800 to \$2400 under FY21. **MOTION.** To accept the FY21 BUDGET REPORT DATE: 7-21-2020 with correction on page 2. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Board Member Roles & Responsibilities; Election of Officers

a. Election of Board Officers

- 1) President (move-up from President-Elect) **MOTION.** To affirm that Bud Ferris was elected President for the next two years. **VOTED/APPROVED**
- 2) Treasurer (move-up from Assistant Treasurer) **MOTION.** To affirm that Kathy Olsen was elected Treasurer. **VOTED/APPROVED.**
- 3) Clerk (reappointed) **MOTION.** To affirm that Mary Jo Nabywaniec was re-elected Clerk for the Chatham Chorale Board. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

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- b. **Organizational Chart & Responsibilities.** (Was distributed and discussed.)

COVID CORNER

- a. **Review and Affirm Assumptions/Conditions for FY21 Programming and Budget Appeals.** The Board is choosing an informal, “soft” appeal that will be sent out at the end of the Summer.

Program Book and Advertising. There will be no program book and just minimal advertising.

Scholarship. No scholarship will be offered this year by the Chorale.

Concert Production

Advertising – playing “by ear”

Tickets - playing “by ear”

Orchestra - playing “by ear”

Member Dues

1st Semester:

MOTION. To assess a minimum of \$20 for member dues for the first semester of the Chorale year 2020/2021. **VOTED/APPROVED.** Continuing membership will guarantee receipt of Chorale news and notices as well as the loan of music to learn for upcoming performances and continuation of our ZOOM sectional meetings among other things.

2nd Semester:

The decision on dues for 2nd Semester was put on hold for the time being.

- b. **2nd Semester Concert Season.**

Our Director, Joe Marchio, has chosen Dan Forrest’s “*Requiem for the Living*,” as our featured piece in our opening concert penciled in for April 2021 along with “*I was glad*”. Donald Enos, our accompanist, will be playing the new pipe organ at Chatham Methodist as well as accompanying the Chamber Orchestra. In July of 2021, the Director has an Americana program planned featuring the entire Chorale and we, hopefully, finish the year with a Benefit Concert put on by the Chamber Singers.

In the meantime, Joe looks forward to continuing the ZOOM sectionals until the Chorale can return to its normal routine and will strive to help in any way possible with music aids during this terribly stressful time. Once a month Joe is planning on sending out a video of a past performance of the Chorale: October being: Happy Birthday, Beethoven! with the Chorale performing the Halleluiah from Mt. of Olives in honor of the great musician’s 250th.

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Plan for Dues Collection & Dan Forrest Distribution

Collection of dues and distribution of music in person will take place at the Lighthouse Charter School on Thursday evening, August 20, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wear a mask and practice social distancing. Dues are a minimum of \$20 for our 1st Semester 2020/2021 Season.

50th Anniversary

a. Annual Banquets – 2021 (50th season) and 2022

A two-year time frame of celebration for the Chorale's 50th was discussed so as to stretch the season out. There were no objections to that consideration by the Board.

- b. The official organization of the Chorale was 50 years ago – July 1972, the first concert occurring in July of that year. Therefore, we could celebrate our 1st concert during 2022, should the pandemic persist.

To Do before and when we resume

a. Before (10-12 weeks before 1st concert)

Secure rehearsal & concert venues

Lighthouse School. Paul Niles, the Lighthouse School's administrator has put our equipment in storage in order to accommodate social distancing in the classroom.

Chris Vancisin noted that the Greek Church would be an option for rehearsals. Bud Ferris then mentioned that once we feel safe (our policy being: phase 4: when a vaccine is in place) we can look into places if necessary.

b. When (8 weeks before concert)

Advertising

Lynn Herbst has procured interest in free advertising from WCZB for our 50th. This would entail having the Chorale featured in one of the sections of *the Chronicle* TV show. Also, Debra Lawless, General Manager of *the Cape Cod Chronicle*, has shown interest in giving the Chorale an interview for an article in her paper.

Tickets

No tickets will be ordered this Summer. Patrons will pay at the door unless decided differently.

Promotion

At the end of all our correspondence we can suggest that, if they would like, people could donate whatever amount they felt comfortable with.

c. 1st concert – projected rehearsal start date

Concert Date: April 16, 2021	or	April 23, 2021
Rehearsal Start Date: February 19, 2021		February 26, 2021

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Membership

Diversity - We should look to diversify.

Auditions - Suspended indefinitely for this year.

Member Handbook – No changes made

Action and “To Do” items – were handed out and reviewed

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2020

MOTION. To adjourn the Chatham Chorale Board meeting at 8:17 p.m.

VOTED/APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Nabywaniec, Clerk