

CHATHAM CHORALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

7:00 P.M via ZOOM

FINAL MINUTES

Present: Bud Ferris, Joe Marchio, Bill Leigh, Cindy O’Leary, Mary Jo Nabywaniec, Lynn Herbst, Michel Perrault, Mary Giorgio, Kathy Olsen, Pat Antonucci, Chris Vancisin and Leslie Roselli. Also in attendance: Tom Philips.

Absent: Shelly Sequin, Faith Little and Deb Mahaney.

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Clerk’s Report: MOTION: To accept the October 20, 2020 report as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Olsen submitted the Treasurer’s Report that reflected a loss of \$2342.89 from last month FY21 BUDGET REPORT: an increase in fees for storage, telephone costs, Credit Card fees and Compensation. There was also a \$100.00 Arts Foundation donation duly noted in the report. Bud Ferris observed that the Anticipated income for this period was \$4,385.00 while the Actual amount taken in was \$11,916.91 and that most expenses have been the same. Bottom line – we are doing pretty well. Kathy has been in touch with ASCAP requesting that they refund our \$262.21 credit that they are holding. She is also going to continue to work on a way to avoid our paying the \$261.00 Annual Minimum Fee they “require”. BMI will not be requiring their \$261.00 fee as long as the Chorale is not holding Concerts. And lastly, we received \$357.00 from Associated Insurance Income (Worker’s Compensation). **MOTION.** To accept the report as presented. **VOTED/ APPROVED.**

Music Director’s Report: Joe reported that the Chamber Singers meet every other Monday evening – (via ZOOM) – they met last night, the 16th and will meet again on the 30th. Going forward rehearsals will consist of 20 minutes of vocalizing, then singing – keeping our voices in shape with an emphasis on diction, dynamics, etc. Instead of concentrating on Dan Forrest via ZOOM, Joe has decided it would be better to hold off on the Requiem until we can do that piece in person. Rather than the Forrest, the Director prefers us keep our voices in tact by singing pieces other than major works, such as – right now – Christmas Carols/pieces, either in parts or in unison. Also, hopefully, do a Messiah Sing, all three parts, one part per week. The important thing is keeping our voices alive and well: singing, vocalizing, learning notes. . . . Joe reminds us: if you have any pictures or videos of past performances, please send them along to him so he can incorporate them into a website presentation.

Development:

- a. Grant – The Chorale has received a check/grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona for \$500.00. Cynthia Petti, the person responsible for facilitating our receipt of this generous gift, sang with us at one of the Window concerts.

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- b. December Appeal – It's ready and Bud's looking for help. There are 1531 names and he doesn't want to stuff all those envelopes himself! Volunteers? Donation envelopes can be picked up at Bud's, brought home, stuffed and brought back to Bud who will then mail them. Whoa! Everyone volunteered! Thank you!

COVID Corner:

- a. BCI Workshop report given by the Berkshire International Choral Director
Attendees: Bud Ferris, Pat Antonucci

How to survive AFTER the pandemic and having Chorales start up again

Key points: Manage expenses. Project a few years. Have money in the bank.

Build your relationship with your Community.

Concentrate on your members.

Where do you want to take your organization in the future?

Diversification. . . need to take a look at

Bud will send out a Power Point of the presentation of it to us.

- b. Startup projection

Theme for January meeting: Where we might be and where we might start.

Our budget going forward for the next year is dependent upon what we are

going to do concerning Concerts: hiring orchestra, renting venues, etc. and

also, what is allowed within the venue where we intend to hold our concerts.

80% capacity? Assumptions. . . . We'll have to look at them all. We'll have to

firm up where we are going in January. Also, as far as dues go, we had decided

to charge \$80.00 for the second half of the year. Are we going to follow through

with that or are will going to go with something different than that. It will pro-

bably depend on how many concerts finally get scheduled and performed.

If we're counting on the vaccines to come to our rescue out here on the Cape,

is that reasonable? Wouldn't it be around April before most people get vaccinated, if then?

January 12, 2021 will be the next Board meeting.

Bud will send a message out to the Chorale about our thinking.

Happy Holiday!

Adjourn: **MOTION** to Adjourn. 7:39 p.m. **VOTED/APPROVED.**