

Chatham Chorale Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

FINAL MINUTES

Present: Bud Ferris, Joe Marchio, Lynn Herbst, Kathy Olsen, Bill Leigh, Pat Antonucci, Mary Giorgio, Christine Vancisin, Cindy O’Leary, Faith Little, Leslie Roselli, Deb Mahaney, Shelly Sequin, Michel Perrault and invited guest, Tom Philips.

Absent: Mary Jo Nabywaniec

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Clerks’ Report. MOTION. To accept January 19, 2021 report as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Treasurer’s Report. Kathy Olsen. Year to date, our Unrestricted Donations total \$28,635.00. Everything else has virtually remained the same due to no ticket sales, no concerts, and the like. The money for a CSO Concert is in the budget in the hopes that one will take place 12/2021 and of course the salaries for both Donald and Joe are noted (page 2 of the budget report). Kathy and Faith will look into the cancellation fee situation concerning the changeover from PCS to TSYS.

MOTION. To accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

On the budget. . . During January’s meeting (2021), the Board officially said the Chorale would not be performing any concerts for the remainder of this year (ending, July 2021). Following up on that decision, all related sales and expenses related to those three concerts have been removed from the calculations therefore forming an entirely new budget, one which reflects our current expenses, income and donations (as noted in the blue shaded area in the FY21 Budget Report of February 16, 2021.) **MOTION.** To revise FY21 Budget. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Dues Payment Update: Cindy O’Leary. 87 people are members, 33 of which have not paid their second semester dues. A suggestion was made that we could have a music pick-up date at which we could collect dues at the same time. Bud will send out an e-mail with the information on when and where and Cindy will send Bud a list of who owes what.

Donations update: Tom Philips. In addition to \$30,961.55 we have received to date, we have taken in \$365.00 via credit cards. Included in this amount was a donation from a person who wishes to remain anonymous in the amount of \$10,000 to the Chorale.

Credit Card Machine replacement. MOTION. (affirm email vote on 1/25/2021) To change credit card processing services from Petroleum Card Services (PCS) to Total Systems Services (TSYS) managed by Cape Cod 5. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Faith reported that switching credit card companies involves training on her part on the devices she’ll be using provided by TSYS.

Tom mentioned to Faith that she should check to ensure that the \$365.00 taken in on credit cards for donations went through.

“Donate” button for website update. Bill Leigh. Bill reported that the donate button is up and running. He made a donation and got a receipt back saying it was received.

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COVID Corner and What to do for FY22.

Chris Vancisin spoke about Herd Immunity. We actually need 82% of the population to be vaccinated in order to acquire Herd Immunity.

How long does a vaccine shot last. . . When you get your 2nd shot, don't let your guard down! It takes 2 weeks for the shots to take hold.

Be extremely careful for 3 months after the 2nd shot. . .

FY22=50th season & Anniversary. Put it into the budget.

Make a decision in May of 2021 of what to do in Fall and Winter

Get thanks out to people who have donated.

Program Booklet. Lynn Herbst. Put together an anniversary booklet and send it out to

Everyone on our mailing list of around 1,500. We do have advertising that would pay for it (some of which we could use for postage). Within this booklet would be the entire History of the Chorale, in pictures, posters, music, etc. And, we would include an insert that would be our up-coming Concert along with the means to acquire tickets.

The booklet would go out in the Fall, with the insert and would have copious advertising.

We'll need to start working on it now, so anyone with material they feel might be interesting enough to go into this booklet: history of the Chorale, pictures of past events, members, etc. please get them to Lynn. There is a team already in place that will be working on this project.

Pat was wondering about the cost of mailing such a booklet – would it be outlandishly expensive? It cost \$2.80 to mail the Forrest Requiem. But, according to Bud, the booklet would be much cheaper because of the size and would be bulk mail.

MOTION. To prepare a 50th anniversary program/booklet that we would then mail to our supporters. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Music Director's Report. Joe Marchio. As a basis to have a document to work with, Joe distributed a listing of a potential 2021-2022 musical season. It began with the Christmas Concert, with the hope that the Chorale will be allowed to rehearse at the Lighthouse School.

The 1st rehearsal would be the 1st Thursday following Labor Day. Music for the Christmas Concert would include a mixture of traditional carols, old and new arrangements with the Chorale being accompanied by Donald and an organist. We would also sing the Hallelujah Chorus and Forrest's Silent Night.

The 2nd Concert would be the Chamber Singers singing Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes, and music by other composers, accompanied by four-hand piano.

The Official 50th Concert would also celebrate the 300th festivities of the First Congregational Church in Chatham and include Forrest's Requiem for the Living among other works. Joan Kirchner will be our soloist and the orchestra will include 1 violin, 1 cello, 1 flute, 1 oboe, 1 horn and 1-2 percussionists.

After the 50th Concert, in May or June we expect to perform our Benefit Concert, a Pops or Broadway program, we believe, for the Cape Cod Veterans.

All 3 Concerts will be held at Joe's Church in Chatham and according to Gene Sink, our risers fit the renovated stage perfectly. The Church has 240 seats.

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Music Director's Report, cont.

Packet of Music for ZOOM Rehearsals.

Joe will continue to warm us up for 15 – 20 minutes at the start of rehearsals. Then, the Chorale will have, in hand, “the packet” – rather than it keep printing music through the Summer. The packet will consist of solo and 2 part pieces, diction work, three and four-part pieces. They will have a pick-up date and time at the Lighthouse School (along with payment of dues, if owed) when arranged. As was mentioned before, Bud will get an e-mail out to member with the information as to where and when.

General Discussion. The kind of music we sing.

Church music vs. non-Church music. The Classical type of music focuses on Church. Leslie Roselli brought up the fact that in a former Chorale that she was in, it had a Committee that had Music Curriculum ideas and had input as to their choice. The Director would come to the Committee and they would discuss the music the Chorale wished to sing.

Joe responded that a great majority of classical music comes from the Church. And, if you compare the Chatham Chorale to say Braintree, Back Bay or the New Haven Chorale, those three Chorales do 2 concerts a year. We've done as few as 5 and as many as 7 or 8 concerts and each one of those concerts represents a different style or genre. Our music ranges from the Magnificat to Negro Spirituals.

Need variety when it comes to classical – more current, less religious.

Dr. Harned – Christine's update. He's residing at the Terrace's. He says: “Hello” to his Giuseppe!!! Chris will send out his address and Bud will get it to everybody so we can drop him a line!

MOTION. To adjourn. **VOTED/APPROVED**