

Chatham Chorale Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 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, Leslie, Roselli, Shelly Sequin, Mary Jo Nabywaniec, Michel Perrault and invited guest, Tom Philips.

Absent: Deb Mahaney, Faith Little.

Clerk’s Report: Mary Jo Nabywaniec. **MOTION.** To accept the Clerk’s report as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Olsen. Kathy reported that the Chorale has received a grant from the Melody Tent in the amount of \$1250.00. Many thanks to this organization. **MOTION.** To accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

COVID Corner and What to do for FY22

Christine Vancisin updated the Board on current status of COVID, vaccinations, and herd immunity.

Requiring Chorale members and audience members to be vaccinated before participating or attending rehearsals and concerts was discussed. This topic will need to be discussed and decisions made when resuming activities is imminent.

Rehearsal Space

Joe Marchio announced that the 1st Congregational Church of Chatham will be allowing Church members to attend services starting on May 23. But, at half seating capacity AND socially distanced, which means only 50 people can attend and there can be NO SINGING.

The Symphony will need to get permission to rehearse (and perform) at BHS and we will have to get permission to rehearse at the Charter School.

Previous decisions and goals Bud Ferris

Taking stock on where we are:

Three Concerts are planned: Christmas

The Chamber Singers/March

Anniversary Concert

Plus - an add-on in July

Commemorative Booklet: serves as Brochure & Program Booklet

Donation envelop will be included

Program inserts will be added for concerts

We will be putting together a tentative budget over the next few months.

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Email Use Policy: Tom Philips. Our Chorale email policy says: The Chorale, may, from time to time, distribute information via e-mail about other choral, musical and arts events and opportunities that may be of interest to members. During the pandemic, since we haven't been meeting in person, etc., there seemed to be a need to relax the parameters of this policy. Now, there is a need to go back to the original policy. So, in the future, e-mails will reflect our policy.

Good news for members who are interested: The Chorale is considering setting up a private Chorale Facebook page to communicate between members!

New and Old Business:

Scholarship: Shelly Sequin. Teachers have asked if we are going to reinstate in 2022 our scholarship fund. (Discussion at a future date.)

Board position: Lynn Herbst. A suggestion. We should add the immediate Past President as a Board member. Tom Philips commented that he opted not to do that so that a Board position would be opened out for someone else. A suggestion was made that the Past President be an *ex officio* member of the Board in the year following her/his presidency. Bud mentioned that this would be a good subject for the July Retreat. (Tabled until July.)

Adjourned: MOTION. To adjourn. 7:47 p.m. **VOTED/APPROVED.**