

Chatham Chorale Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Absent: Faith Little.

Clerk’s Report. Mary Jo Nabywaniec. The report was accepted with one change: Members of the Nominating Committee include: Tom Philips, Pat Antonucci, Marilyn Sink and Cal Mutti. (Not Marilyn Schlansky). **MOTION.** To accept the report of the minutes of May 18th, with the above mentioned edit. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Treasurer’s Report. Kathy Olsen. The FY2021-year to date was passed out and explained, the Chorale being only slightly in the red – absolutely amazing!

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

- 1) Ticket Prices: \$25.00 for the 1st two Concerts, no Reserved seating (with exceptions) \$35.00 for the 3rd Concert (the Benefit), no Reserved seating “

MOTION. To accept the two prices for Chorale tickets for our upcoming Season: \$25.00 for the Christmas and March Concerts and \$35.00 for the Benefit Concert, (all three, No Reserved Seating, with exceptions). **VOTED/APPROVED.**

- 2) Compensation: Remains the same as contracted with the three year plan.
- 3) Recording: \$500.00 will be added towards Anniversary recording costs. Joe can record audio and visual at the present time (but it is not perfected as of yet). Kathy will give him the name of the professional who will be able to assist, if needed. Additional expense: Truck Rental: \$600.00 (an extra \$100.00).

MOTION. To accept the FY 2022 Budget as amended. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

Board Membership 2021-2022

Recommendations from Nominating Committee: Tom Philips, Pat Antonucci, Marilyn Sink, Cal Mutti and Chair, Gene Sink:

Returning members all for 2-year terms-

Bud Ferris
Mary Giorgio
Lynn Herbst
Faith Little
Shelly Sequin

New members all for 2-year terms-

Kent Arnold
Marilyn Schlansky

MOTION. To accept the Nominating Committee’s Report. We, as a Board, endorse the Candidates proposed by the nominating Committee. **VOTED/APPROVED.**

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Music Director's Report. Joe Marchio

2021-2022 Season: The dates for the up-coming performances are:

Holiday Pops: Friday, December 3rd
Saturday, December 4th
Sunday, December 5th

Christmas: Saturday, December 18th 2:00 and 5:00
Sunday, December 19th 2:00 and 5:00

Chamber Singers - Saturday, March 26th 3:00
Chamber Singers - Sunday, March 27th 3:00

50th Anniversary Concert/Benefit Concert – April 30th 2:00 and 5:00
50th Anniversary Concert/Benefit Concert – May 1st 2:00 and 5:00

Annual Meeting – June 17th Bud Ferris

Bud passed out the agenda for the up-coming **Chorale Annual Meeting** for review by the Board. **MOTION** will be by “slate”.

COVID CONVERSATION – today: State of Emergency ended

Discussion on whether or not we will require proof of vaccination in order to sing. (For herd immunity to occur we would need 82% of everyone to have been vaccinated.) We feel that we need to act with the best interest and safety of our members and audiences. Christine Vancisin made a motion that in order for a member to resume rehearsing with the Chatham Chorale they must be vaccinated. Mary Jo Nabywaniec added that they must show their vaccination card as proof of vaccination. The Director wanted to know if this policy pertained to hired soloists and instrumentalists. (No). Shelly Sequin suggested we put this policy on the back burner until a later date considering the COVID numbers are going down. A vote was taken and the following motion passed: **MOTION**. The members must be vaccinated in order to sing with the Chatham Chorale and prove that they have been by showing their vaccination card when they sign up to sing for this up-coming season. **VOTED/APPROVED**. Bud will announce this policy at the Annual Meeting on June 17th.

Chorale Membership and Auditions for 2021 – 2022. Cindy O’Leary

Cindy broke down the Membership into categories:

1. Active members. These people would have been auditioned in Spring of 2020.
2. Semi-active members plus others who have not auditioned who participated in 2019-2020. These people will be auditioned in the Fall of 2021.
3. Folks on the Inactive list for 2019 – 2020 who wish to return in the Fall. These people will be auditioned in the Fall of 2021.
4. Potential New Members: People who have shown interest in joining our organization over the past six months to a year. We would invite them to sing with us at rehearsals and audition at a later date.
5. The entire Chorale will be auditioned at the end of our regular season.

50th anniversary booklet – update on progress and costs of mailing. Lynn Herbst.

Content: Testimonials from Jung Ho, Maggie Bossi, Bill Keating and Barbara Cole, Cape Cod 5, Sarah Peake, Dave Read and Laura Barabe. . . A Timeline over 50 years with an historical event that occurred at various times relating to a Chorale event. It would be nice to pepper the booklet with anecdotes about things that happened, for instance, the time lightning hit while the Chorale was performing in Eastham. . . Edit the Scholarship page. . . The cost of mailing could be \$1500.00. Lynn has investigated “paper weight”. Thinner paper than the most expensive that we’ve had in the past, but cheaper and substantial for the job. Stacy Smith is the new person who is getting our ads. Lynn feels that Ms. Smith can come through for us, but if anyone can think of someone or a business that could be of additional help in off-setting the mailing cost, let him know.

Bud Ferris noted that this Anniversary booklet will be a “thank you”, in essence, for all the support our loyal audiences, members and donors have given the Chorale throughout its history.

Lynn had a meeting with Kevin McClane, from the Orpheum in Chatham. He would like to celebrate the Chatham Chorale throughout the year plus take an ad! FYI The movie: Fisherman’s Friend. He’d like to have a showing of this movie and have a group of the Chorale singing sea shanties before the showing.

Annual Board “Retreat” – in-person – July 20th

Venue: Chatham Congregational Church – Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

Agenda items:

- 1) Tour of the Church
- 2) Election of Officers (Article VII of By-Laws)
- 3) Prepare for 2021 – 2022
- 4) Welcome New Members

(3) Preparing for 2021 – 2022

Biggest item so far is securing the Lighthouse School for rehearsing
Christine Vancisin is bringing up renting the Community Center at
her Church in case the Lighthouse doesn't work out.

Bud mentioned that anyone interested in running for President-Elect,
please call him and he has sent everyone on the Board a copy of the
latest “tick file” – the July, August and September Activities that need
to be addressed before the start-up of the Chorale in September.

MOTION. To Adjourn. 8:40 p.m. **VOTED/APPROVED.**