

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MINUTES – JULY 14, 2021 VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES: Joy Bozzelli, Elisabeth Case, Keith Anderson, Paul Fries, Courtney Nash, Matthew Sprunger, Shannon Sprunger, Rachel Brooks, Janet Blumbaugh, Sarah Sippy, Cathleen Chapek, Wes Ague, Patrice Basso

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

MINUTES: Paul made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2021 board meeting. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL: A \$500.00 payment was made to North Central College for the spring 2021 scholarship recipient. The Chorus's total cash balance is \$91,244.96. Margo has applied for a \$6,580.00 grant from Reinvest DuPage. Paul applauded Margo's efforts noting that she often has short notice of deadlines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rehearsal Requirements: Joy asked Matthew to inquire about the college's COVID 19 campus rules. At this time, there are no requirements for our chorus rehearsals. The college will require testing for students but this will not apply to us. The rehearsal room has a limit of 120 persons. Joy said the board will have to decide on our own regulations. Shannon began a discussion regarding requiring proof of vaccination for all participants. Plans to scan proof with online registration are being investigated. She added that no matter what the board decides, we won't have a way to verify what is submitted. A waiver could be designed to protect the chorus from liability should anyone get sick. Joy had a discussion with Pete and reminded him about optional masks which will affect the sound. There was board discussion that no matter what is decided, the Chorus will likely lose members.

Question 1: Mandate Vaccination – After more discussion, a motion was made to mandate vaccinations for all choral members, directors, accompanists and soloists for the fall semester. This passed by an 11-1 vote.

Question 2: Mask Mandate – A motion was made to not require masks for the fall semester. This passed by a 12-0 vote.

An email will go out with the above requirements for the fall 2021 semester.

Online Registration: The Chorus will go live with on-line registration on August 1, 2021. This will allow us to know numbers in advance so rehearsal set up can be prepared with proper spacing. Dues and music will be paid using PayPal. There was mention of an alternate payment option with checks going to Paul. There will be a table to get music after checking in the first evening of rehearsal. Anyone who shows up without registering will not be able to sing that night. Music cost is estimated to be \$25.00.

Fall 2021 Concert: The college said they never received our requested dates so there will be only one concert this December. Dates already approved by the college: Dress Rehearsal – Friday December 10 and Concert – Saturday December 11th.

Spring 2022 Concert: There will be two concerts: Saturday April 30 and Sunday afternoon May 1st. Most of the music is set, waiting on Pete to finalize. Music cost is estimated to be \$40.00. Spring rehearsals are slated to begin January 10, 2022.

By-Laws Review: The rest of the meeting was a continuation of the by-laws review. Paul and Courtney worked on revising the positions of Treasurer and Financial Secretary to better reflect their responsibilities. There was also a discussion regarding board approval of expenditures. A suggestion was made to have the board vote on one-time costs over a certain amount. The review will continue at the August board meeting. All changes will be made available in a final form. Any additional proposed changes can be made at that time.

Other: There will be a marketing presentation by Rachel at the August meeting. Henriette will send out an email detailing the fall semester requirements and alerting members to the start of on-line registration.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.