

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2021

ATTENDEES: Joy Bozzelli, Rachel Brooks, Paul Fries, Chuck Jonah, Margo Jonah, Matthew Sprunger, Shannon Sprunger, Patrice Basso

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

MINUTES: The October minutes will be edited to reflect board discussion regarding website support.

FINANCIAL: Paul reported that there are expenses that have not yet been paid. He will not know results of ticket sales until after the concert takes place. He expects that more donations will be received in December. The forecast predicts that the chorus will have about \$83,000.00 in the bank at the end of the May, 2022, the end of the Chorus year. There is a projected loss of about \$9,000.00. Initial approval from the Illinois Arts Council was received for a grant of \$4,100.00. Final paperwork has to be completed. Money from the DuPage Symphony for the spring concert will be considered as concert revenue rather than ticket sales.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD MEMBER ADDITION VOTE: Joy suggested that Rachel Brooks assume one of the open at-large board positions. There was a brief discussion regarding by-laws and the fact that each individual shall have one vote regardless of the number of positions he/she holds. Chuck moved to have Rachel assume the open at-large position. The motion was seconded and passed.

MARKETING: Rachel reported that 234 tickets have been sold so far. IHeart radio has started airing our ads as of November 1st. Between the start date and November 17th, there have been 7,751 impressions. Each impression represents how many times the ad was seen or heard. She encouraged the sharing of the chorus Facebook posts. The next issue of the Chorus Connection Newsletter will be coming out soon. There will be order forms for a chorus ornament at rehearsals. Price is \$5.00 each. Pre-boxed ornaments will also be available at the concert. Work is ongoing with the hybrid program. There will be photo opportunities with Mr. and Mrs. Claus who will be wearing red masks. Matthew will check on a bench and chair cover. A box will be in the Wentz lobby for donated coats, hats and gloves on the night of the concert.

REQUEST FROM PETE: Since two basses will be unavailable for the concert, Pete made a request for money to pay for professional singers. After a short discussion Chuck made a motion to approve \$600.00 in expenditures to hire additional basses. Shannon seconded and the motion was approved.

SPRING SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS: Shannon led a discussion on chorus membership requirements for the spring semester. The season begins on January 10, 2022 which means registration information will go out sometime after the December concert. There was consensus that lowering the COVID related requirements during the winter months was unwise. A motion was made to retain the current requirements for the spring which would include mask wearing for rehearsals and proof of vaccination.

The motion passed 5 to 1 with 2 abstentions. The board will revisit this issue pending pandemic changes or a college policy change. Joy recommended that dues remain the same. There is a possibility of a \$5.00 music fee reduction because most of the music is provided by the DSO.

BUSINESS MEETING DATES: Joy suggested a March 7, 2022 meeting for board elections and a business zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. A motion was made and passed to approve these dates.

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION: Joy brought up that some members are feeling excluded when their birthdays are not acknowledged. She suggested a monthly recognition at rehearsals. Most board members felt this is unnecessary. It is a pretty spontaneous celebration that has been going on for years. Any member can feel free to give Pete or Jon a heads up if they want someone to be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.