

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES: Joy Bozelli, Janet Blumbaugh, Rachel Brooks, Keith Anderson, Paul Fries, Katie Goldsborough, Chuck Jonah, Margo Jonah, Henriette Pentz, Sarah Sippy, Matthew Sprunger, Shannon Sprunger, Patrice Basso

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

MINUTES: Paul made a motion to approve the May 2021 minutes after they were edited. He also made a motion to approve the August minutes. Both were approved.

FINANCIAL: In response to a board member's request, Paul prepared a year to date statement of expenses through both 9/7/2021 and through August 11, 2021 and the changes between the two. He explained the difference between Sheet Music Purchase and Music Sales to Chorus noting this is necessary for IRS purposes. Joy claimed that the by-laws require that an individual give a reason for requested information and to give Paul a timeline that you want him to pull from. Paul pointed out that sheet music costs will continue to rise. He also leaves some money in our Paypal account for refunds. This practice avoids extra fees. Once rehearsals begin, membership fees will be refunded on a prorated basis. There will be no refunds for sheet music. Regarding ASCAP fees – there is always an annual minimum fee for a live audience concert. Paul was able to negotiate a lower fee since we never performed live in 2020.

MUSIC/REGISTRATION: Joy shared that we have some of the fall music including 2 out of the 4 pieces from Pete Ellman. We have 3 out of 4 from Pete M. The 4th piece may not be performed depending on registration numbers. Right now we have 10-15 new members with a total of 60 registered for the fall. Experience levels are being shared with Pete. Shannon sends updates regarding registration including names and voice parts.

MARKETING: Rachel reported some of the results from social media. There were 1,500 hits on the first boosted Facebook post targeting men and alto voices. She is waiting on the logo bags which will be distributed at rehearsal to all members. Payment has been made to IHeart radio to promote the December concert. Their marketing department will create the spiel. They will send a copy which can be accepted or returned for editing. Rachel has also been in touch with NCTV for a block of time. Keith found plain black masks at \$13.25 each. There's a 3 week turnaround time. Other vendors are out of stock, expensive or no longer taking orders. A motion was made to purchase 100 masks as soon as possible. Motion passed.

ELECTIONS: There was a long discussion about the possibility of fall elections in light of the disruptions caused by the pandemic for the normal spring elections. Some of the concerns raised included the lack of proper transitioning if some of the current positions changed. A new board could not be elected until mid-late October. Others were concerned about the legitimacy of the present board. Although a motion was made by Margo to hold fall elections, this motion was never brought to a vote. A second

motion to have the current chorus membership vote to affirm the board as is was made by Matthew, seconded and passed. This vote will take place at the September 20th rehearsal. Shannon took a poll prior to the motion being passed to see if all existing elected officers would be willing to continue through May 2022. Katie and Courtney were not in attendance and will be contacted. Keith will decide prior to 9/20.

BY-LAWS: Shannon asked that all board members review the current by-laws and make comments on Share Point. Chuck noted that he submitted changes by email due to problems with the tracking function. Shannon suggested that we have a special board meeting for by-law discussion. Matthew made a motion to continue the by-law discussion on Wednesday, September 15th. The motion was seconded and passed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.