

## NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2022

**ATTENDEES:** Keith Anderson, Janet Blubaugh, Ed Chapman, Rodger Guebert, Chuck Jonah, Margo Jonah, Mikki Mendelsohn, Nancy Sigel, Sarah Sippy, John Zelman, Patrice Basso

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

**MINUTES:** October minutes will be approved at the December board meeting along with November minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Pete's Retirement Party** – Elisabeth is finalizing invitation list and will send additional names to Janet for Constant Contact. Nancy will follow up with Pete's guest list and obtain emails for them. The RSVP and donation link will be on the same email invite with a choice of "Yes" or "No", "1" or "2" attending. Chuck will help with a separate webpage that is not linked to the Chorus website. John will make an announcement tonight to be on the lookout for the invitation. Elisabeth will speak about the gift plans next week at the rehearsal break.

**Marketing** – Margo will prepare ad for Arts DuPage. Janet will prepare posts for public and members' Facebook page. There was a brief discussion for need of volunteers to help with publicity for the spring concert.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Board Members** - Nancy moved that Mikki Mendelsohn be installed as Vice-President and Rodger Guebert take over as Financial Secretary. Motion passed. John added that Kristin Adams has agreed to be the Music Chair.

**Succession Committee Recommendation** – Kelley Trombly-Freytag summarized the committee's process in its search for a new Music Director. There were 9 original candidates and after initial contact, a few dropped out. References were checked and a list of questions was provided. When Zoom interviews began, there were 5 individuals left in the pool. An opportunity to rehearse the Chorus was offered to 3 people. The member survey following each candidate's rehearsal was prepared by Jason and gave automatic bar graphs. 97% of Chorus members rated Reid Taylor as a "5". The Committee voted to present Reid Taylor to the Chorus Board as their choice. Chuck moved to accept the Committee's recommendation to hire Reid Taylor as the Chorus' Artistic and Music Director beginning in January of 2023. Margo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Kelley will send contact information to John who will call Reid to offer him the position. Once the contract is signed, the other candidates will be notified.

**Operations** – Matthew Sprunger was asked to provide a list of responsibilities for this vacant position. Patrice will check on the need for ushers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:09.

The board will meet at 6:30pm before Monday rehearsals for quick updates of Pete's party, Operations and other concert issues.