

Vernon Chorale Annual Meeting March 12, 2019  
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Present: Ehren Brown, Rebecca Harris, Sara Maldonado, Liz Bologna, Diane Lipari, Laura Snider, Jane Penfield, Liz Whiteley, Stephanie Summers, Caragh O'Brien, Christen Scott, Nnette Christiana, Bobby McDonald, Karen Anger, Julie Bezanson, Lynn Sweet, Cindy Trenholm, Erin Bartram, Tim Reid, Rob Morehouse, Ken Bartschi, Kirby Stalley, James Burr, Bruce Jones, Vinnie Bologna, Joe Scott, Peter Ayer, Scott Clendaniel, Earle Bidwell, Tom Sweet, David Klotz, Kate Adams, Alex Walker, and Lauren Dominique.

The meeting commenced 8:55 P.M.

#### President's Report

Cindy began with a recap of key points from the past year.

As for our Board of Directors, Joe Scott is stepping down and we thanked him.

Jeanne Allie, James Burr, and Lauren Dominique are continuing as members of the board. Kate Adams joined the board recently to fill a vacancy.

The proposed slate for 2-year terms included Liz Whiteley, Bruce Jones, Caragh O'Brien, and Cindy Trenholm. No additional names were proposed.

The slate was voted in.

Cindy reported that we will have a strategic planning meeting after our April concert to plan for 2020-2021, our 40th anniversary season, and years around that.

Cindy read our mission statement and said we're meeting our goals as stated: "The Vernon Chorale's mission is to provide a forum to learn and refine choral singing and to educate audiences through the presentation of choral music concerts, sacred and secular."

Thanks was offered to Ken Bartschi for his law firm's corporate sponsorship of our chorale.

#### Artistic Director's Report

Ehren said we have a bit of work to do for upcoming April concert, but we're in good shape. He affirmed Liz's work as Conducting Fellow. He thanked Cindy, the board, Kathleen, and singers.

Like Cindy, he mentioned our intention to do strategic planning and expressed his interest in a concert of all female composers. He requested feedback regarding "run out" concerts and collaborations with other groups.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bruce has added monthly treasurer's reports to our website under the members section and intends to include the monthly meeting minutes, too, under "Board Documents."

He expressed curiosity about the impact on non-profit donations with the new tax law, which raised the standard deduction for many taxpayers before they can itemize deductions such as non-profit donations. He asked to be forwarded any related information that singers might find. Copies of the most recent treasurer's report to the board were available. We have \$15K in the bank now, and an annual budget of around \$24K.

Bruce reported that the reinstatement of our 501(c)(3) status has been delayed, most likely because of the government shut down earlier this year.

### General Discussion

Members expressed an interest in having more female composers featured in our concerts. More diversity, in general, was requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Submitted by

Caragh O'Brien, VC Secretary