

THE VERNON CHORALE, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting #2: Season 2021-2022 Date/Time: August 10, 2021 – 7:30 P.M.

Location: 40 Steep Hollow Lane Manchester, CT

In attendance: Cindy Trenholm, Jeanne Allie, Kate Adams, Liz Whiteley, Sarah Maldonado, Ehren Brown, Julie Bezanson, Bruce Jones

I. Call to order - The meeting commenced at 7:38

II. Acceptance of minutes - The previous minutes were accepted.

III. Reports

- President
 - We are confirmed to hold auditions, rehearsals and board meetings at St. John's. The cost is \$500 from August 31-November 30. Fee includes piano tuning.
 - Concert date for December 4 is confirmed with St. Bernard. Snow date is only penciled into their calendar. April 2 venue not decided. June 11 will be at St. John's.
 - To date we have 8 sopranos; 10 altos; 5 tenors; 9 basses. 3 auditions booked.
- Publicity
 - Audition info went out on facebook, email blast, Journal Inquirer
 - Will work on announcements about concerts in Vernon Patch, North Central News, Reminder, etc.
 - Ideas for future outreach on social media:
 - Dance video for our youtube channel?
 - Post something once per month on Facebook - video clips of rehearsal?
 - Continue singer spotlights?
 - Looking to recruit committee members
- Treasurer
 - Current Balance: \$23,987.80
 - Activity: usual monthly charges
 - Soon, premium payment of about \$300 for liability insurance. Binding agreement created, waiting for billing invoice.
- Artistic Director
 - Program: "Love at Christmas" concept; Happy/Joyful theme
 - Multiple settings of the same text
 - Played samples of a few pieces
 - Will be finalized soon

IV. Unfinished business

- 2021-2022 Season:
 - Board meetings - remain as scheduled, in person, with zoom option as needed
 - Auditions prep - **Tuesday 8/31 at 7:30**, perhaps any other auditions can be scheduled earlier (possible VC social that night)
 - Rehearsal prep - all set

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- Calendar was reviewed and approved as written
- Spring Concert - Decided on St. Bernard because of space - Cindy will book
- June Concert - St. John's - Cindy will book
- Handbook - changes in red are approved
 - Dress code will be revisited further in the future
 - Contact list will include a method for contacting during cancellations
 - Rehearsals will be video recorded on zoom for people to watch if they are at home sick - depending on church internet connection, perhaps live rehearsal - Cindy will check into streaming at St. John
- Music order - coming very soon - Ehren and Bruce will finalize
- Choral Fellows search -
 - Liz sent emails to several schools and got one response offering to forward on
 - We listed a few more schools she can reach out to
 - Ehren has a former student coming in
- VC Music Library - on hold
- By-Laws – nothing new to report

V. New Business

- Jeanne's idea: Getting our voices back in shape before the first rehearsal - perhaps Kirby can lead this - zoom meeting or pre-recorded videos, providing vocal exercises? Ehren will talk with Kirby.
- Covid protocols - Proof of vaccination is all done, we will talk one more time before rehearsal about final masking decision
 - Voice amplification system - test out a couple of rehearsals without it first
- Budget
 - Cricket foundation discussed - we will wait for a while before checking in
 - Can we save money by pulling pieces we've already done from the library? Bruce and Ehren will consult.
 - No line item for possibility of livestreaming - could slip into recording engineer budget
 - Will maintain zoom account - budgeted
 - Decided on line #65160 to provide an ACDA membership to conducting fellow
 - To save money, we will print less programs, relative to the smaller amount of ticket sales budgeted. If things change, we can always decide to print more.
 - We covered most line items, but did not touch the artistic leadership section, which needs to be decided in executive session. The rest will be addressed via email. Still to be covered: scores; music services

Next board meeting September 14, 2021 6:30 pm

VI. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:15