

***THE VERNON CHORALE, Inc.***

***Board of Directors Meeting***

Meeting #5: Season 2021-2022      Date/Time: November 9, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, Vernon, CT

**In attendance:** Julie Bezanson, Bruce Jones, Cindy Trenholm, Jeanne Allie, Ehren Brown, Kirby Stalley, James Burr, Sarah Maldonado, Liz Whiteley

**I. Call to order**

**II. Acceptance of minutes** – Minutes were accepted unanimously

**III. Reports**

A. President

- a. Posters complete, ticket sales have begun
- b. St. Bernard: Sound/tech guy needed on our end to make a good quality live streaming performance. Justin Kurtz, our regular recording engineer, said he could help for \$550 (includes a test run at one of our production week rehearsals and concert night).
  - i. Motion for the money for the choral fellows/extra money in budget to pay Justin for sound for our livestream - Unanimously passed
  - ii. Cindy will contact Justin tonight
  - iii. Ehren states that it is a possibility for us to do the sound for livestream “in house” in the future
- c. Earle Bidwell found a professional musician and tenor, Rick Coffey, to sing with us gratis to boost tenor section. PJ will also sing Tenor for us.
- d. St. Bernard's piano is scheduled to be tuned November 29.

B. Treasurer

- a. Request that treasurer's written report be accepted - The report was accepted

C. Artistic Director

- a. If we keep everything on the program, it will not be at the level we expect of ourselves – will decide tonight which pieces to cut (most likely Meador and French, would be saved for future performances)
- b. Whatever we put forward, most important that it is good quality
- c. Once those are out, we are going to be in decent shape
- d. Ehren would like to find out if we can be heard singing downstairs, to know if we can warm up while there is a service happening
- e. Normal St. Bernard formation, can expand into first couple of rows as necessary
- f. Members can let section leader know if they are more comfortable staying spread out

D. Publicity

- a. Facebook posts are out – they reach about 800 people if there are pictures attached
- b. Maybe next week, we can record a small snippet of video to engage people with our posts

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- c. Vernon Voice article coming soon
- d. Concert on Vernon Community calendar
- e. In process of submitting to JI, Vernon Patch

**IV. Unfinished business**

- a. Ticket sales reporting:
  - i. Online: 25 in person tickets -\$395; 6 livestream tickets - \$90
  - ii. Some people indicated "will call" for their online purchases – we can just check their license and find their name on a list at the ticket desk
- b. By-Laws – nothing new to report

**V. New Business**

- A. CT Humanities grant – Cindy is applying – may help cover guest musicians!
- B. Concert Prep
  - a. Sound engineer – already approved earlier in the meeting
  - b. Mask/distancing signage – Liz W will take care of these
  - c. Extra masks – we will have a stack on the ticket table
  - d. Rope off pews – yes – black tape fine
  - e. Music stands – 2 stands (Sarah will bring down from choir loft)
  - f. Ticket takers/ushers – Vinnie B offered, need to confirm
  - g. Podium – someone will need to pick up from Bruce's garage (Cindy will)
  - h. Live streaming check – Sarah will need to know day and time
  - i. Black masks for performance - we will recommend, but not require
  - j. Venue clean up – Jeanne's family; no reception

c) Annual meeting – Zoom meeting, no rehearsal, first Tuesday rehearsal date in January

Next board meeting December 14, 2021 6:30 Zoom

**VI. Adjournment**