

THE VERNON CHORALE, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting #9: Season 2021-2022 Date/Time: March 8, 2022 - 6:30p.m.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church

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

6:34 Meeting Called to Order

- I. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes accepted
- II. **President's Report**
 - a. Info about April concert:
 - I. Audio engineer and video person will attend our Friday rehearsal.
 - II. Access to church for Friday's rehearsal @8 because of the service which ends @ 7:30. Can gather and warm up in lower hall.
 - III. Texts and translations for April are in the process of being done by Joe Scott.
 - b. Info about June concert
 - I. Our numbers were very low for the June concert but have crept up after contacting past singers to fill gaps.
 - II. We now have 5 Sops (Liz Bologna will be joining us); 5 Altos (Jill Rizzo-Flowers will be joining us); 7 tenors (yes they won, they are a full section. Ruth Hollm will be returning and with Ehren we have a great section); 3 confirmed Basses (Kirby may pull Rich from the tenor section for 4; one is undecided). That's 20(21).
- III. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Current balance is \$32,739
 - b. \$125 finally collected for late advertising payment
 - c. Renewed membership to Chorus America
 - d. Approved
- IV. **Publicity**
 - a. Conducting fellow announcement will be posted
 - b. Facebook event was created, on twitter as well
 - c. Email announcement to mailing list about concert
 - d. Short video of us singing to drum up interest
 - e. Announcement for Courant Community and JI for the week before our concert
- V. **Artistic Director**
 - a. Tonight we begin the extra practice at the end of rehearsal for 30 min
 - b. Children's choir – not enough time to pull together, will assign children's parts to choir members
 - c. Will meet with Kirby today to discuss music for June concert
 - d. May need to discuss mask use soon – changes are starting to take place (This stemmed into a group conversation about mask requirements. See below.)
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion of mask requirements
 - I. Currently, Voce will be singing unmasked for their next concert, with negative tests at dress rehearsal. (Audience will remain masked.)

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- II. Probably no more aerosol studies, trending in schools and society = mask optional. Numbers getting better
- III. Is it possible for us to follow Voce's model for the April concert? Or the June concert? Perhaps we put out another survey in the next few weeks, to follow the model we have been using, and gauge everyone's comfort level.
- IV. Board members shared their opinions and discussed their own comfort levels.
- V. A vote was taken on whether we should bring this to the members at rehearsal and ask their opinions. We agreed that we were comfortable taking this step, and asking members if they were comfortable with the June concert being mask optional.
- VI. Determined that Liz W would share our discussion and her own decision process with the group. We decided to follow with a survey about the group's comfort level with a mask optional policy for our April and June concerts.
- VII. Determined that any survey we do put out would include a question like "what would the world have to look like for you to be comfortable singing without a mask"?

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.