

**The Vernon Chorale, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting #11: Season 2022-2023

Date/Time: May 9, 2023 - 6:30 pm

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church (523 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066)

- I. Call to order - 6:40  
In attendance: Kate Adams, Patty Richardson, Cindy Trenholm, James Burr, Sarah Maldonado, Liz Whiteley, Steve Walker, Ehren Brown, David Gladstein
- II. Acceptance of Minutes - It was noted that although discussion of funding recording for the June concert occurred at our last meeting, it was not indicated in the minutes. In general recollection, we determined that a decision had not officially been made about paying for the June recording fees, but that it had not been in the budget. Minutes were accepted.
- III. Reports
  - a. President -
    - i. Business: FCCV payment - was sent; cellist for June secured
    - ii. Discussion of recording for June concert: at our previous meeting, Bruce indicated that there was no recording budget for the June concert. Discussed whether we are still going to record. Members expressed the desire to still record, regardless, because of the educational value to conducting fellow.
      1. A suggestion/question was brought up for the future - could we invest in our own audio equipment for the future?
      2. Or, perhaps, can we hire someone less expensive next season? (Will discuss at strategic planning meeting)
      3. Board members agree that we will pay Justin for the June concert recording
    - iii. Ehren would like to extend conducting fellow position to David for next year. This was unanimously accepted by the board.
    - iv. Survey needed for membership to complete prior to June meeting – strategic planning - Kate agreed to edit/send out survey
    - v. Next season's dates and summer board meetings - please check calendars and follow up
  - b. Treasurer's report - submitted in writing via email, as treasurer was not able to attend
  - c. Artistic Director -
    - i. Decided to extend conducting fellow position to next year for David
    - ii. Will revisit dates for next season's concerts because tentative April date won't work for Irish concert, will send out suggested dates
    - iii. Will reach out to Irish band to confirm for next April
    - iv. Thrilled with David's work
  - d. Publicity - no report
  - e. Development - went to a mixer at Labyrinth Brewery - word is getting out about who we are and what we do
    - i. Chamber of Commerce good about sharing our posters and information
    - ii. In the fall, will push ad sales at chamber of commerce meeting
    - iii. Reached out to all contacts for choral fellows to keep us in mind for next season
    - iv. Need people to turn in lyrics for program - reaching deadline quickly
    - v. Can we provide free tickets to high school teachers to raffle to kids? Kate will send out to local high schools. (Four tickets per town were provided to Kate tonight to send out to the local high school teachers.)

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- vi. Another development suggestion - some sort of instagram contest for publicity?

IV. Unfinished business

- a. FCCV payment - has been sent
- b. Cellist for June has been secured
- c. Recording for June concert - agreed to fund
- d. 2023-24 Choral Fellow search - Cindy is handling

V. New business

- a. Extending David's contract as Conducting Fellow - unanimously approved
- b. Survey needed for membership to complete prior to June meeting – strategic planning - Kate is willing to re-develop and send out
- c. Next season's dates/summer board meeting dates TBD
- d. Check-In regarding summer schedules for meeting dates

VI. Adjournment - 7:12

Next board meeting – June 13, 2023 at Kate's house