

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vashon Island Chorale Board, Tuesday May 23, 2017

Meeting convened at Jo Ann Bardeen's house at 6:45 pm. Board Members in attendance: Jo Ann Bardeen, Paul Peretti, June Langland, Stu Tribble, Kathleen Rindge, Margie Morgan, Joe Farmer, Karen Baer, Mary Fran Lyons, Cynthia Perkins, Gary Cannon (Artistic Director), John De Groen. Also in attendance, section leaders: Dan McDevitt, Jim Gardner, Mindy Schaefer. Absent: Mecky Chappelka, Don Wolczko, Kaycie Alanis.

Minutes from the March 8 meeting were approved.

Announcements: Cards were circulated to be signed for Mecky and for Arlette.

Financial Status and Issues: Karen reported that we have good balances in our accounts. We had a disappointing attendance at the concerts, not unusual in the spring, although it is difficult to use comparables for ticket sales since this is our first regular (non-extravaganza) concert at VCA. For the first time, VCA charged merchant fees of \$150 on our ticket sales. There were some glitches with the tickets and programs due to a rumor that tickets were sold out. We need to sit down with the new Executive Director to discuss a variety of issues. From the Give Big site, we made \$1,025, and from VIC site, \$150. We received \$3,297.31 from sales of Raffle tickets at rehearsals, concerts and Trivia night. The programs paid for themselves with the ads. Karen suggested we maybe do an audience survey in the fall and include the December concert. Rick Wallace could help with that project. It should be short and include questions re. incentives to attend concerts as well as what deters them.

We did not get the Beardsley grant, and have not heard from WASAC (\$2,500 for Dec. concert).

Reports, Unfinished Business, To Do Issues

Two tickets for the December 2 concert were donated to the O Space Gala Auction.

Linda Lee's contract was renewed: Joe so moved, Kathleen seconded. Her fee was raised \$5.00 per rehearsal to \$95 and \$5 per concert to \$125.

The music library has been whittled down to one 4 drawer file cabinet. Gary is taking some scores to donate to UW and to the Choral Consortium. He will document these donations for grant purposes. The file cabinet will be stored in VCA, upstairs. Sharon Barber will create and organize a database of the music.

Re: 30th Anniversary happening spring of 2019; we should think whether we want to have an extravaganza like for the 25th, or sing regular repertoire.

Trivia Night: We made \$1,735 plus \$1,243 from Raffle tickets. Next time we could set it up differently so it is not co-sponsored with VCA.

Jo Ann will follow up with VCA about donating to the September Art Auction "a guest conductor for one carol at the Dec. 3 concert" along with two tickets for the concert. Karen Bargelt is handling working with VIPP for the same donation except on Dec. 2.

Kathleen will award the VHS scholarship at the ceremony on May 31.

Giselle Wyers has signed her contract for the "Legacy" concert, April 21 and 22, 2018. We will sing some Shaker Songs unaccompanied, as well as Vashon pieces. VIC will be accompanied by a piano, 1 or 2 wind instruments, and 1 string for some of the repertoire.

VIC has fiscal sponsorship of the "Vashon Choral Boosters". The Choral Club will perform later this spring.

We need to talk about increasing attendance. Group discounts for places such as the community care center were mentioned.

Kathleen, Karen Baer, Karen Bargelt, Dan McDevitt and Mary Fran agreed to meet next month as the Budget Committee.

April Concert wrap-up and planning for Dec. concert: Dick Gordon is going to retire from doing lighting soon. The Board agreed to continue doing Supertitles for some concerts and also for the sing-along portion of concerts.

The post-concert dinner in December went smoothly. We bring only tablecloths and will build in a tip for the caterer, making the likely cost \$24 in the future.

Dan reported that communication is the biggest problem facing transporting orchestra members to and from the ferries. He suggested we find a "tsar" who is not a singer. King County and the Chamber of Commerce are getting a van that will be available. John De Groen will keep us informed.

We are waiting on Luke McQuillen to finish making the CDs of the concert. Joe will do the inserts and John will make the CD copies.

Gary reviewed the "Christmas Cantata" repertoire. In addition to the Honegger, we will sing Averitt's "Away to the Skies", 3 Willcocks pieces, a Speller piece and one Carol TBD. We will sing in English. There will be a children's chorus. The title of the concert is a key to good attendance. "Cantatas and Carols" was discussed as a title.

Gary will order scores.

Upcoming Concert Dates: December 2 and 3, 2017: Honegger's "Christmas Cantata", Averitt's "Away to the Skies", 3 Willcocks pieces, Frank Speller's "Advent Song" and a carol TBA. Start Date-Tuesday Sept. 5.

April 21 and 22, 2018: "Legacy" by Giselle Wyers, Siegfried's Shaker Songs, and others. Start Date- Tuesday, Jan. 9

2019 dates requested from VCA are April 28 and 29 (30th Anniversary Concert) and Dec. 7 and 8.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15; we celebrated Mary Fran's birthday.

Future board meeting date: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Morgan, Secretary

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