

## Vashon Island Chorale Board Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2018

Meeting convened at 7:30 PM at Jo Ann's house following a delicious pizza dinner.

Board members in attendance: Jo Ann Bardeen, Karen Baer, June Langland, Kathleen Rindge, Mary Fran Lyons, Cynthia Perkins, Stu Tribble, Joe Farmer, John De Groen, Don Wolczko, Margie Morgan. Also attending were section leaders, Kaycie Alanis, Dan McDevitt, Jim Gardner and Shannon Flora (welcomed as new soprano leader). Artistic Director Gary Cannon was present. Absent were Paul Peretti & Mecky Chappelka.

Minutes of the Jan. 25, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Artistic Director's Report:** Gary reported on the plans for the upcoming season. He will purchase instrumental parts of the scores and will redo the score of the Country Wedding piece to make it more readable. The cost of scores for both concerts will be \$30-\$35.00.

**Financial Status and Issues:** Karen reported that the organization is in good shape, ie; we made money on the April concert. VCA takes 2% of our ticket sales for handling charges. Their policy is that parents of children performing will pay for siblings. There was extensive discussion on whether or not to raise dues. It was decided that after the Budget Committee meeting the Board would vote by email on how much to increase the dues. Cynthia did extensive research on other choruses' dues policies. Ticket prices will not be increased at this time. We have received a grant for \$3,500 from 4Culture for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert.

**December Concert Issues and things to do:** Gary will order the scores: 100 scores of everything except Rutter and Pinkham pieces since some members already have those from previous performances. He will work on hiring the instrumentalists. The concert is entitled, "A Very Brassy Christmas". Karen and Jo Ann will register singers later in the summer. Rehearsals will begin on September 11. Concert week rehearsals will be on Tuesday, Dec. 4, Wednesday, Dec. 5, and dress rehearsal on Thursday Dec. 6. Dinner following the Sunday concert will be catered by Chris Koerber. We have donated tickets to the VoV and St. John Vianney auctions.

**Reports, Unfinished Business and To Do Issues:** Re. Ensembles: Gary said we need an audition format and he would choose a roster of about 20 singers plus he will advise on or choose the repertoire. Peter and Kathy Dorman have volunteered to organize the ensembles. A small group of self-led singers has performed already at the Presbyterian Church and for VoV. The Annual Meeting date will be September 25. Holly Boaz sent a written update of the Vashon Choral Boosters. They are in a holding pattern now until the surveys get tabulated. It will track 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students re. repertoire, and then will determine non-school programs to offer. Also, she is working on and has gotten quotes on insurance. June and Kathleen selected Alivia Jones for the VIC scholarship. Joe will get a biography and photo from her for the web site.

**Upcoming Concert Dates:** December 8 & 9, 2018. 2019 dates are April 27 & 28 (30<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert), and Dec. 14 & 15 (one week later than usual).

Future Board Meeting date: TBD (in Sept or October).

Executive Session: It was decided to give Gary a raise of \$100/month, starting August 1. Mary Fran will communicate with him about final contract details.

Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margie Morgan, Secretary  
July 24, 2018