**Pemigewasset Choral Society**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**February 4, 2019**

**In Attendance**: Sarah Bunkley, Joel Funk, Will Gunn, Dan Hale, Kay Hanson, Ed Loranger, Ann Nichols, Marilyn Pomerantz, Anita Ross, Logan Ross, Susan Scrimshaw, Allan Stern, Sara Willingham

The Minutes of the November 26, 2018 Meeting were accepted as presented.

**Director’s Report**- Will Gunn

Will has been culling the music in out library. His cull lists fall into 3 levels.

1. The music is tattered, yellowed and too worn to be used
2. The music no longer reflects the direction the choir is now taking
3. PDF copies are available and we no longer need to save the ones in the boxes.

This culling will put the library down from approximately 400 boxes to 350 boxes of music. Sarah Bunkley will help Will decide about any pieces he is “on the fence” about.

We sang to full audiences at both Franklin and Gilford. Attendance was low at the PSU concert. Will thinks we could do better at PSU if we made admission via donation rather by having ticket sales. A discussion of our past history of ticket vs. admission donations ensued. Ann said that we would need to amend our current Silver Hall contract if we would want to change to non-ticketed admission.

Sarah Bunkley made a motion to draft a letter to PSU. In that letter we will request to amend our contract and not use the PSU ticketing service. Susan Scrimshaw seconded and the motion passed.

Susan suggested that fundraising can make up the difference if there is a revenue short-fall.

Will will write to Stuart Crowell to ask Tamara about changing from ticket sales to donated admission.

The tenor and bass sections of our choir are down in numbers this semester. Will talked with Dan Perkins. In the past, the Master Chorale has asked PSU students to come sing with their choir to help balance their sound. “Ringers” usually show up to help. Will will look into getting some PSU singers to help with our voice balance in our upcoming spring concert.

Tonight, at rehearsal we will know how many pieces of music we have to shift around. Forty music scores are missing from one of the *Frostiana* pieces. It may be necessary to order some more scores to take care of this deficit.

**President’s Report**- Ann Nichols

We don’t yet know when the citrus orders will be in and distributed. Negotiations are still being worked on with the fruit company.

**Tour:**

There are other options to traveling long distance for a tour that could be explored. Unless we have voice balance, a tour is not worth doing. Will is available to tour in August this summer. In the past our tours have happened in July. If we put off our tour until the following summer (2020) it would conflict with the Friendship Chorus tour.

Dan Hale will put together a questionnaire to poll for interest in a tour. It was decided that we will seek chorus members who are interested in forming a tour committee to explore having a tour in 2021.

The Past President and the four At Large Members are the nominating committee for finding candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. This is an odd numbered year. The following terms will expire: **President**- Ann Nichols; **Vice President** – Marilyn Pomerantz (filling in the remainder of the term for Valerie Sargent); **Fund Raising**- Susan Scrimshaw, **Wardrobe**- Eileen Curran-Kondrad Fall 2018 and Sara Willingham for Spring 2019; **At Large**-Joel Funk; **At Large**-Sara Willingham

**Vice President Report**- Marilyn Pomerantz

Marilyn is still getting organized after taking over for Valerie Sargent.

**Treasurer’s Report**- Ed Loranger

Ed presented his balance sheets to the Board. Of note: We have not yet received the admission money from Silver Hall for our Dec 9th concert. We still have 6 pints and 23 quarts of maple syrup to sell.

In comparing the post artwork and printing cost between Dec 2017 and 2018, we spent over $900 more. The Board sentiment was that the quality of our programs and posters was worth the extra cost.

**Marketing/Fundraising/Communications Report**-Susan Scrimshaw, Anita Ross, Logan Ross

Thank you letters have been sent out to all the 2018 contributors.

A total of $17,690 from 57 donations was raised.

The number of ads and the look of the advertisements were much improved from those in our past programs. The committee is hoping to build a habit of giving/donor loyalty for the big once-per-year ask. A few more program ads will be needed for the spring concert program. Donors seem to like the idea of sponsoring a specific instrument or chair.

Should we sell fudge again this year for a fundraiser? Joel is willing to manage it. It was decided that we would put off selling fudge this semester, but keep it in mind for another year.

Anita Ross will develop a schedule for the production of the program, posters and bookmarks for the spring concert. Articles in the newspapers need to be released sooner and should include a photo.

**Website Up Date**- Allan Stern

The spring schedule is up on the site and the fall schedules and concert info has been taken down. A new gallery page has been created with photos taken at the Gilford and Franklin concerts and at the PSU (from just before the concert). There are also some videos from the Franklin concert taken by Dan Bramer.

The choir needs to be reminded that they no longer need a password to access the members’ pages.

**Librarian’s Report**- Sarah Bunkley

Sarah still needs to track down folder numbers on a few folders distributed to singers. Some people still need to proof their information sheets. Some folders were short on a few pieces of music. Sarah is sorting through what music we are short on. Then she will know what music needs to be ordered.

It has been too cold to move the music library from the Broom’s barn. Nina Sargent is renting at the Broom’s and has been bringing small hand loads of music to rehearsals for Sarah to put in her barn.

**Wardrobe Report**- Sara Willingham

The concert wardrobe requirements have been put on the website.

**Other Business**

Ann has space concerns for the spring concert. Our 85-plus members choir is singing with a 14-piece orchestra. Gilford is going to be quite crowded. Franklin has more space.

Dan Hale has the straps (should we need them) for moving the piano. Our piano is currently stored in Franklin.

Ann needs to make sure the Gilford and Franklin churches know of the change in our upcoming spring concert schedule: this year one week earlier than we usually scheduled for in the past.

Tamara had offered the Board another space on PSU’s campus for us to use free of charge for tonight’s Board meeting. There was fear that problems in a Plymouth water main line would close down Pease Library forcing us to seek another venue to meet. We were able to hold our meeting in the Pease Library after all.

Ann received one letter of complaint from a concertgoer. The first such letter anyone on the board can remember receiving. Usually we receive notes and letters of praise. The letter writer wished we would sing more traditional Christmas songs and noticed that our viewing audience was mostly 60 years old and above.

Members of the Board expressed their pleasure in the diversity of music selections in our winter concert and in the up coming spring concert. Those members are glad to be singing less liturgical music.

A motion to adjourn was made by Allan. Sarah Bunkley seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Sincerely Submitted by,

Kay Hanson, Secretary for the Pemi Board of Directors