**Pemigewasset Choral Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Zoom Conference**

**July 27, 2020**

**In Attendance**: Robbin Adams, Sarah Bunkley, Susan Chadwick, Deborah Corr, Eileen Curran-Kondrad, Will Gunn, Dan Hale, Kay Hanson, Ann Nichols, Marilyn Pomerantz, Anita Ross, Logan Ross, Susan Scrimshaw, Allan Stern, Sara Willingham

Eileen moved that the minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting be accepted as amended. Anita seconded and the motion passed.

**Director’s Report**- Will Gunn

Though research in from Colorado has shown mitigation for singing, it is not safe for our large chorus with a high-risk population to be singing together in person

**Will’s proposal:**

Zoom Rehearsals/Sectionals:

* Meet Monday’s starting the Monday after Labor Day
* S/A will meet 7:00-7:45, T/B will meet 7:50-8:35

Goals:

1. Sing together with vocalises, rounds, etc.
2. Check in with community
3. Rehearse 3-4 songs planned for the spring semester
4. Put together one selection for a virtual choir\*\*

\*\*will require contracting out for video editing, etc.

Discussion:

Rounds work well on zoom.

It would take a lot of hours to set up for a virtual choir and it maybe expensive. Will could look into this.

An accompanist would have to be in the same room as Will. Will says he would not need an accompanist as of now.

A video production would be in the public domain and could thereby cost royalty fees.

The product should not be our goal at this time. It is about the community; keep people singing together. Just getting together and singing is a good thing.

Striving for a performance is beyond our reach at this time.

Ann did a survey in March. Thirty-five people said they would be interested in virtual singing.

Potentially we might not have a spring concert this year.

Marilyn thinks it is important that we get to keep an eye on each other to see that we are all okay and that we have a connection to each other.

How should we handle music fees?

Should there be a modest charge for 3 pieces of music?

We could use music that is already in our music library.

Susan suggested that we send out a gentle freewill fundraising letter. Some members are able to give at a stronger level than others.

We could have volunteer membership fees.

Susan moved that we accept Will’s proposal to rehearse together virtually, and table a virtual choir performance. Marilyn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**President’s Report**- Ann Nichols

As we look ahead to the spring semester, January looks too early to start up again. We need to be flexible. Perhaps we could start rehearsing in March. Deb is hopeful that a vaccine will be developed by spring. As of now all PSU facilities are closed to the general public.

Ann will draft a letter to the choir. The letter will be formally announcing the fall semester pause. It will also communicate that we will be a virtual community chorus that meets once per week. Susan will help draft the letter.

The letter could possibly mention that instead of dues, donations for a normal amount would help us maintain our virtual community chorus.

Deb needs to discuss with Will the best way to distribute his $9000 salary payments.

Towards Labor Day we need to have more details available for the choir. Some members may need technical assistance in going on zoom and in virtual singing.

Some may need personal one-on-one assistance for going on zoom. Allan and Logan could help out with this.

Robin volunteered to help out with physical mailings (stuffing envelopes etc.).

**NH Cares Act Grant:**

Is a non-performing funding grant. There were two parts in applying. Ann had to break down the losses and expenses occurred from March to January 30th. This includes lost donations, expenses, and concert revenue. Then she had to project the net losses that would occur from July 1st to December 31st (fundraising, concert revenues, salaries for the director and accompanists, etc.) The grant is for $23,000. Ann does not know when she will hear from the state for the final review.

**Vice President’s Report**- Marilyn Pomerantz

Nothing new to report

**Treasurer’s Report**- Deb Corr

Deb emailed a report out to the Board. We have managed things well. She will be filing the NH State Charitable Report and doing the IRS filing soon.

Eileen moved that we accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Marilyn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Deb has opened up Pemi’s new non-profit account at the Meredith Village Savings Bank. (Because of COVID 19 she was able to do this at the drive-up window.) She is almost ready to close out the Village Savings Bank Account.

Amazon now recognizes our new account. Dan reports that Amazon Smile is now in place for Pemi.

Interest rates are still low. Deb may invest in a small CD, but the rest of Pemi’s assets will remain in liquid accounts.

Question: is there a budget for our virtual plan? We will pay Will’s salary, have some fundraising expenses from Susan and Allan, and have a few fixed costs to pay (like the PO Box).

**Publicity Report**- Anita Ross

Anita and Logan will put out a press release about our fall plans. The release will include how to get access to our zoom link. We want the general public and concert attendees to know that we plan to come back. The publicity will be on our website, Facebook and in a news release. We will need to have something out in August with our plans and a “stay tuned for details”.

**Fundraising-**Susan Schrimshaw

Susan mentioned earlier in this meeting her plan to send out a “help us out” appeal to faithful donors and contributors.

**Library Report**- Sarah Bunkley

There are still 6 people who have not turned in their music. Sarah is working on tracking them down. Sarah said it would be nice to get the music back so that the scores can all be filed away in the music library.

**Other Topics**:

Kay would like to make sure that Pemi commemorate the passing of Hugh Sycamore and Nancy Chandler. They were loyal Pemi singers. Mention in a future concert program and on our Pemi website needs to happen. Anita says the altos have submitted an ad for Nancy Chandler that should come out in our next concert program (when ever that will be).

The next zoom Board Meeting will be at 7:00 PM, on August 24, 2020

The zoom meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kay Hanson, Secretary for the Pemi Choral Society Board of Directors