**Pemigewasset Choral Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Zoom Conference**

**November 16, 2020**

**In Attendance**: Robbin Addams, 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

**Approval of the Minutes** for the September 21, 2020 meeting:

The wording in the Treasurer’s Report needed tweaking. There were also two spelling corrections. Allan moved to accept the minutes as amended. Eileen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Director’s Report**- Will Gunn

Will says we all sound great at our zoom rehearsals (actually he has to assume that he can hear us singing).

We have a few more weeks of zoom singing. In lieu of our regular rehearsal on November 23rd (Thanksgiving Week) we will be joining Concord Chorale, Manchester Choral Society, and The Salisbury Singers for a special presentation. Dr. Anthony Trecek-King will lead a session on choral equity and inclusion.

On our final zoom sing on Dec 14th, we will sing as one group and sing Christmas carols.

Will proposes that the Spring Semester start in early March with a concert in mid June. Rehearsal would be outdoors and could be in the Plymouth amphitheater. Everyone would be wearing masks. Who knows what COVID guidelines will be in place then.

March might be a bit too chilly to meet outdoors. Perhaps we could do zoom work in March and then have rehearsals outdoors as the weather permits. Rehearsals might be remote or might be in person.

Will plans on having us sing “the best of Pemi hits”, songs that a lot of people have sung before.

Robbin is willing to approach Steve Rand to ask about the use of the amphitheater. Will would love to get Laura back as accompanist for the concert.

Susan has counted between 23 to 35 altos and sopranos attending the zoom sings. Allan and Sarah say there are about 12 to 13 tenors and basses singing. Under these circumstances, this is a wonderful turnout.

**Director’s Report**- Ann Nichols

In going forward towards this spring we have to assume that the PSU campus is still closed to outside groups. Eileen confirmed that all restrictions in place this semester will be in effect for the spring semester.

We need to plan ahead of time for having an accompanist and piano at our concert.

The membership fee needs to be mentioned again. Susan says she will have a fundraise letter going out, a “soft ask” letter. (more details on this in the Fundraising Report)

Some are disappointed that we have only receive $750 from dues revenues.

We had played down the music fees for this semester. We just wanted people to come and enjoy singing.

**Treasurer’s Report**- Deb Corr

There is still $1,430 of grant money left to spend. Susan still needs to buy stationary and pay for postage. Will should buy some music for the spring. The full amount of the grant needs to be spent by December 31, 2020.

Robbin offered to go check the Pemi post box in Plymouth as Deb has to come up from Meredith to check the mail. Deb says she is ok making the trip for now.

So far we have $750 in dues revenues and $914 in donations. We are in good shape financially now. The grant has covered us beautifully and we are on target.

**Publicity Report-** Anita Ross and Logan Ross

We’ll need to get publicity out once we have our plans for spring in place.

We need to post fairly regularly on Facebook. More could be posted about our singing on zoom. Perhaps we could do live streaming when we have our special guest (Dr. Anthony Trecek-King)

**Fundraising Report**- Susan Scrimshaw

Susan wants to get a donor letter out now “to give donors a sense of where we are going”. She plans to get the letter out on the week of November 23rd.

In her letter to donors she will include the following: tell donors what Pemi has been doing this fall, the continuity of our chorus, how we are facing this time of uncertainty, our plans to have an outdoor concert, and our continued appreciation of their support.

About 200 letters will be sent out to Pemi Chorus members and friends.

**Website Report-** Allan Stern

Allan has put up the sheet music from Will. He will add something about our upcoming special Event with Dr. Anthony Trecek-King), and post a Facebook event.

**Library Report**- Sarah Bunkley

The *Christmas Song* scores were donated out to Will for his PRHS chorus.

The boxes for music scores that have been on order for a while have not been shipped yet.

The music cabinets are now in Sarah’s garage…no longer in her dining room.

**CD Recordings**- Dan Hale

Pemi purchased a digital recorder in the 1990’s. Dan has stored the recorder over the years and has found the recorded tapes.

He has given the tapes to Peter Adams for him to put together a CD to be called “The Lost Tapes”. Mr. Demurs and Bob Swift will be contacted to get permission to use those recordings.

The next meeting of the Pemi Choral Society Board of Directors will be on January 11, 2021, at 5:00 PM, on Zoom.

Eileen moved to adjourn the meeting. Anita seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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