**Pemigewasset Choral Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Zoom Conference**

**February 15, 2021**

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

**Absent:** Deborah Corr

**Approval or the Minutes for the January 11, 2021 meeting:**

Eileen moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sarah Bunkley seconded and the minutes were accepted as presented.

**President’s Report**- Ann Nichols

Firming up spring plans:

Robbin has contacted the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director. She has been able to reserve the Plymouth amphitheater for Monday evenings and for our June concert.

Our spring session will start on March 1st with weekly remote (zoom) rehearsals. The rehearsals will run from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. On April 5th we will switch to weekly rehearsals at the amphitheater.

We are planning on a 45-minute concert to be performed on Saturday, June 19th with a rain date of June 20th. This is also NH motorcycle weekend and Father’s Day weekend. (It was pointed out that the our audience does not typically come from the demographic of bike-week participants.)

For early spring rehearsals, participants may need to bring a headlamp to be able to read their music. June 21st is the solstice. Thus dwindling daylight will not be a factor for our concert. The amphitheater seats are hard granite slabs. Some might like to bring a blanket or pillow to cushion their seating.

There is electrical power down on the flat stage part of the amphitheater. Robbin has made arrangements to get a key from Plymouth Parks and Rec to obtain access to the electrical switches.

**Treasurer’s Report**- Deb Corr (absent)

Deb submitted her Treasurer’s report to the Board via email.

Thanks to the grant and fundraising, Pemi is in good shape financially.

Deb has sent out her grant report and has filed the 1099 tax report.

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

Plymouth Parks and Rec has offered to help advertise our concert**.**

We will need to place posters around Plymouth. Anita and Logan will need descriptions of the music we are singing and information on the composers.

The press releases need to be shared on Facebook, social media, and in the press. It was suggested they place an ad on the community TV station.

In lieu of a standard admission fee, we will have a donation basket. We just want people to come and enjoy music outside.

Vaccinated or not everyone will be wearing masks and social distancing.

**Director’s Report**- Will Gunn (Will arrived to our meeting after our previous reports and discussions.)

Dan Perkins approached Will. He proposed that Pemi and the Master Chorale have a combined concert. Pemi would sing first, then the Master Chorale, and then a music piece sung together as a combined chorus.

We would have two concerts: one on Saturday June 19th, and one on Sunday June 20th. Robbin will confirm these dates for the amphitheater with Plymouth Parks and Rec.

Will is planning to have our concert themed around the sun and the solstice.

The Plymouth Fire Chief/Health Commissioner will be consulted for what precautions and policies are recommended and in place for concert safety during the pandemic. Everyone will be wearing masks.

Will will coordinate with Dan Perkins to work out the concert needs:

Do we need a sound system? In a past Pemi concert in the amphitheater we had not needed a sound system.

Concert attire: should we wear nice spring colors?

Publicity: We need to create a presence. We could split the cost of publicity, and coordinate QR codes on phones,

We should have a poster board or easel for honoring the people who have donated and sponsored us, and to remember those people we have lost during this pandemic.

**Zoom Rehearsals**

Can the zoom rehearsals be recorded for those who cannot attend? Rehearsal files can be made available on the Pemi g mail account. The rehearsals could be put up in U tube.

The zoom rehearsals will be for the entire chorus. All parts will rehearse together.

Will will need to make concert details available for Susan Scrimshaw to impart to donors and to Anita and Logan for publicity.

We will need to communicate our concert plans with Laura Belanger, our accompanist. There is money in our treasury to pay her. Her keyboard could use the amphitheater’s electrical system.

Robbin volunteered to coordinate our publicity needs with the Plymouth Parks and Rec. She will also check to see if the amphitheater would be available on June 26th and June 27th for concert rain dates.

**Other comments and summations:**

A joint concert would be a phenomenal gift to give to the community.

We need to print a poster to be distributed in the Plymouth area.

We need to build up a social media profile on instagram to promote the concert.

Free-will donations will be split with the Master Chorale.

**Library Report**- Sarah Bunkley

Finally all the music storage boxes (ordered months ago) have been shipped to Sarah. All the music scores can now be boxed up. It is too cold in her barn to sort all the music into the new boxes now. Sarah says she will wait for warm weather.

All outstanding music scores have now been returned.

The next meeting of the Pemi Board of Directors will be on zoom, on March 8th, at 7:00 pm (following the 6:00 pm zoom rehearsal).

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

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