**Pemigewasset Choral Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Zoom Conference**

**March 29, 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 March 8, 2021 meeting:**

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

**Director’s Report**- Will Gunn

Will was only able to be at the Board Meeting a short time. He emailed the following to the Board members prior to the meeting:

1. I met with Dan and finalized the time and theme of the program. We are calling it, "Gather at the River." Dan has forwarded all details to Sally and we will hopefully get a first draft of the image in the next couple of weeks. Saturday's concert will be at 6:30 pm and Sunday will be at 4:00.

2. Dan said NHMC would be focusing on postcards/bookmarks and digital social media attention, rather than the larger posters for advertising. We can certainly print some for our use, but master chorale is not interested in printing the larger posters. We talked about a digital

3. I've forwarded all of my budget information to Deb. Everything is the same as this year, and I am planning to do the Dan Forrest *Requiem for the Living* next Spring. I approached Harmony Markey (choral director at PSU) about possibly doing a collaboration with PSU Chorale or Chamber Singers. She seemed open to the idea, but we would have to look at a slightly earlier concert date to accommodate the college students...perhaps the last weekend in April. This may have budgetary impact as we could ask for the Hanaway rental fee to be waved since we are performing with a PSU ensemble. We don't need to decide this right now, but we can discuss this at the May meeting.

4. Master Chorale doesn't have a formal position on the board for fundraising, so Dan said you can just coordinate with him.

5. I've decided not to continue with the TBB (How Can I Keep from Singing) and SSA (Come in From Firefly) pieces that we did in the fall because we just don't have the rehearsal time with sectionals. I've added two more pieces to replace them.

I'll end rehearsal at 7:25 so I can answer any questions. Again let me know ahead of time if you need clarification!

They just found out today that Sally Grand our graphic designer has retired. She will forward the Pemi designs in her files to the new designated designer (when we find one).

Robbin will update Larry (of Plymouth Parks and Rec) to let him know that our concert times are as follows: Saturday's concert will be at 6:30 pm and Sunday will be at 4:00 pm.

**President’s Report-** Ann Nichols

PSU has not yet decided on whether or not they will be opening their facilities for public use. We cannot go into a rental contract with them until their decision is made. Will they be on a schedule that would coincide with our fall concert slated for the second week in December?

The Plymouth Congregational Church is a good backup facility (should negotiation with PSU and the use of Silver Hall not come to frutation). The church has invited us to use their facility should we need it.

Calendar decisions will need to be made over the summer. We will need to firm up our plans with the hosts of the Gilford and Franklin concert venues when we get more information in the months to come.

Will is thinking of collaborating with PSU to have their chorus sing with us in our 2020 spring concert.

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

Marilyn has been changing and updating member email addresses. Our Bylaws only mention updating addresses and phone numbers, not emails.

Marilyn moved that we make a change in the Bylaws. The duties of the Vice President shall be changed from “Shall keep records of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all members” to read “Shall keep records of names, addresses, telephone numbers, **and email addresses** of all members.” Ann seconded the motion. The motion to amend the Bylaws passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**- Deb Corr

A power outage kept Deb from being able to attend tonight’s zoom meeting.

Deb would like to meet with the Budget Committee on April 8, 2021, at 5:30 pm on zoom.

Two members of the committee said that that time will not work for them. Ann will work with the committee members to come up with a date that will work. The date needs to be within the first 2 weeks in April.

Deb still needs some departments to submit their budget items. Ann asked that all those involved email their budget needs to Deb so that Deb can finalize a draft of the budget.

We will adopt a budget based on what we have done in the past during a “normal” year.

**Nominating Committee**- Dan Hale

Dan sited the following from the May 2020 Pemi Board Minutes:

Slate of Officers: All the current Board Members except Kay (whose terms were set to expire) had agreed to remain on the Board for another term. Kay had planned to retire from the Board but has now decided to extend her term until the chaos of the pandemic subsides and we reach a level of stability.

Extending their term for just one year would require a change to Pemi’s Bylaws and would result in too much of a turnover on the Board for 2021.

Sarah Bunkley moved to offer up the slate of officers to our constituents, with every one on the slate extending their term for two years. Marilyn seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Thus the slate of officers running for two-year terms will be presented to the membership for election as follows:

Secretary-Kay Hanson

Publicity-Logan Ross and Anita Ross (sharing the position)

Member At Large- Allan Stern,

Member At Large- Sara Willingham

Discussion:

We are not yet done with the pandemic chaos.

Did the membership know they were voting for two years or does it matter?

The membership simply wants to sing.

Everything is so unstable.

No one thinks we are forming a triumvirate by defaulting to agree to a 4-year term instead of a 2-year term.

How can we recruit when we have not been meeting in person for a year?

Kay would like to retire from being the Secretary. We should be able to find someone to take the minutes,

This is a difficult and challenging year to make changes.

We will have no term expiration this year. Positions on the Board will be opened again at the 2022 – 2023 meeting.

**Publicity-** Anita Ross and Logan Ross

Anita will reach out to the Master Chorale publicity person (Marc) to coordinate the publicity needs for the concert,

Dan Perkins wants to have a virtual program accessed on iPhones via QR code. It was expressed that Pemi Choral Society audience may not be quite so tech savvy and need to be handed a paper programs.

**Fundraising**- Susan Scrimshaw

Susan will need to coordinate with the Master Chorale about the collecting of donations for the June concert,

We need to go back to having fundraising, marketing and publicity bases back together as a subcommittee. Their responsibilities overlap and intertwine.

Susan Chadwick will take on the marketing responsibilities. She wants to face the challenges of bringing back previous members and attracting new members.

**Website-** Alan Stern

Thanks was expressed to Allan for keeping the website updated. The website has been getting a lot of visits.

**Library-** Sarah Bunkley

Sarah will put together 20 or so folders for those singers who would like regular sheet music (instead of their downloaded versions). She will have the folders available at our next rehearsal; our first live outdoor rehearsal at the Plymouth Amphitheater.

Ann suggested that those who have tablets may want to down load their music on to them, so that they can see it as the daylight fades during our rehearsals. Those singers without tablets may want to bring a headlamp to read their music.

Singers may want to bring their own chair to rehearsal. The amphitheater benches are hard stone and cold to sit on.

**Wardrobe**-

Should we have matching masks? We could buy matching black masks. It would look good to have “uniform” masks. Do we want to wear our concert scarves?

We will coordinate this with the Master Chorale.

**Other**

We don’t know who was awarded the Swift Scholarship. The recipients are supposed to send the Board a letter and come to a Board meeting. Dan will check to see what Bob Swift knows about this. It is too bad that we have to chase down finding out who received the scholarship.

The next meeting of the Pemi Board of Directors will be on zoom, May 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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