

Siskiyou Singers Board Minutes

March 20, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ZOOM

Board Members Present: Mark Reppert, Mary Van Wesep, Howie Seay, Katharine Lang, Laura Barlow, Mary Bergstrom, Scott Nelson, Michael Zuzel, Cynthia Tank, Rich Gleitsmann, Loretta Barker

Meeting started at 10:00 AM

February 2021 minutes were approved with the following changes:

Re: subcommittee of membership: Put Mary V. on the list, remove Scott. The other members of the committee are Laura, Mary VW, Rich, Mark, Michael, and Howie.

Wesley Hall MAY have better ventilation than the sanctuary (TBD).

Written Reports

Artistic Director – Mark

No report

President – Mary

No report

Membership – Rich

No report

Publicity/Programs/Public Relations – Michael

No report

Treasurer's report

Garland Family Trust: 5K donation- one time, to honor previous members. The son got a letter from us asking for donations. This is not included in the latest Treasurer's Report as it just came in.

Shawn called Laura, he will send us invoices, for approx. 1K. Invoices will be separated by fiscal year.

P&L:

Bottom line: 4K in the black, but a few more bills will be incoming: (storage & insurance).

Spreadsheet (budget): As of last meeting, about 7K still needed to be raised- with the 5K from the Garlands, and 2K from Priscilla we have met our goal!

EMEY (Every Member Every Yea): We don't have a fixed set of singers for this term, so it's hard to get a percentage for participation. Some singers are active, some are not. Percentage of donors/letters sent?

19 singers donated in previous term. Scott suggested we do not bother with percentage this year as it's too difficult to figure out. It was generally agreed that this is the best way to precede.

Medford BMW had agreed to do a sponsorship, we have not heard anything from them, but they are notoriously difficult to deal with.

Overhead + Mark & Mikiko= projected expenses. \$1800 for PPE- Rich will elaborate.

Storage unit : cost has gone up \$8 per month

To access the full profit and loss (P&L) report, contact treasurer Laura Barlow

Board business:

Mark is thinking about the fall, was going on the assumption we would do The Coronation Mass, with Emma McNairy, soprano. She is interested in us, but not the Mozart. She has contacted Mark and wants to do Poulenc's "Gloria". We have done it previously, and we are prepared to do it now (we were not before). She made the proposal of her receiving \$4K (all in). Mark will suggest that in the fall our program will not be with orchestra, and that in fall of 2022 we do Poulenc and offer it to her. This is something to really look forward to!! We will be the envy of all choral groups in the RV.

Budget wise: was \$4K ok'd for a soloist? The cost would be \$16K including orchestra (at end of 2020 orchestra allowance was not spent). Spring 2020-fall 2022 is the term. \$500 per person (for 4 soloists) is the usual expense, but this time we'd have 1 soloist at \$4K. McNairy is world renowned and there are travel expenses as she lives in Germany. Orchestra would be 30 musicians for the Poulenc, which is a cutdown version.

Mark says \$15K was allotted for fall 2022, for the orchestra. He is asking for 2K more. **MOTION:** Siskiyou Singers will cover the expense of the soloist for fall 2020.

Motion passed.

Fall 2021: Plans will be forthcoming in the next meeting

Rich: Restart plans:

First meeting was on Monday: if restrictions are still in place in the fall, virtual choir will continue. If not, singer masks may be required- the Resonance Mask was designed for singing. We will buy a few to try them, if approved we will buy & give them to singers. Mark will reach out to a few choirs who are currently using these masks to see how they are working out. All singers must be vaccinated and will need to check a box on registration form saying so. We will record rehearsals on Zoom for those who are partially vaccinated.

The effort of restarting the choir will include a major recruiting effort, and this will start in July. This is assuming all restrictions have been lifted. Mary will speak to the church regarding our credit & check about any new protocols, etc.

Insurance company- are we covered for COVID cases- do we have any liability? General liability would not cover illnesses, unlike accidents. Chorus America may have some guidelines as to what other choirs are doing around this. The church would ask us to cover liability. We could add a waiver on the registration form. Mary will look into the ventilation in Wesley Hall (WH) vs. the sanctuary. It is unknown if Uncle Foods will resume with in-person dining in WH. The church prefers we stay in the sanctuary, and we may as well if there are going to diners in WH preceding rehearsals.

Howie asked: Do we need to cap the choir due to capacities/restrictions? This will depend on our risk factor at the time.

Cynthia: Registration

Fall: 42 registered, 13 ended up recording. Currently there are 36 registered, 22 have recorded anything. Wendy & Betsy are not recording but are attending rehearsals.

Mikiko is happy with how she is being paid/treated by us.

Next meeting: April 17

No meeting in June, although this may change. Stay tuned!

Board retreat in August.