

Siskiyou Singers Board Meeting 1/15/22

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM

Present were: Mary V., Mary B, Howie, Katharine, Rich, Laura, Scott, Mark, Loretta

Motion was passed to approve minutes from December's meeting. Passed

Treasurer's report:

We are about the same place where we were last year, but last year we had not completed our fundraising effort by this time. Now we have received the bulk of our donations. We are just under 10K for donations, for our fiscal year, starting 9/1/2021.

Officially we are now a charitable organization on the CARS website, so people can donate a car to us.

P&L: We are a little in the negative at this time. Laura has a few ideas for the Development Committee. We need to up our effort to obtain business sponsorship, which she feels is very doable. There are a few sponsorships that have come in in the last few days that are not reflected in these numbers.

Equity Recovery: Mary B's banker laptop that was sold on EBay for \$75 (this belonged to Siskiyou Singers, was not usable for her purposes).

Development Committee:

We are assuming that we will have a spring concert. We are not where we need to be for sponsorship, but this should be remediable (we need about 9K more). 6K donations have come in from singers, 2K from non-singers.

We may need to tap the reserve fund, although we have enough in our checking account at this time.

Registration Day:

Howie & Rich will greet people and check vaccination status. One line for pre-checked people, another for confirmation.

Greeting desk: Mary V. And Scott.

Masks will be changed at people's seats (from regular to singers' masks). Laura will dispense masks, Loretta will be back-up.

Mary B. is in charge of the paperwork, fees, name tags, etc. Wipes will be available for cleaning pens, clipboards, etc. People will be encouraged to use their own writing implement.

Who needs an audition? People who have never sung with Mark before. This year, auditions will be done over the first week, via zoom or FT, not in a small room at the church. Rich & Howie will give them a brochure with details, and Mark's contact information. If they don't contact him first, their contact info. will be taken and Mark will contact them.

If any singers have a cold, or any symptoms of COVID, they will not be allowed to rehearse. No one will be allowed in the church without an audition or a vaccine status. People will be encouraged to contact their section leader with health updates.

Should we include on the form an acknowledgment that singing under these circumstances involve risks? Should we take temperatures, ask the COVID questions? They are not very accurate, and may expose us to liability. People should be told they will not be allowed in if they have any kind of symptoms. People who have a positive COVID test cannot return for a week. There will be an email sent out advising people that they should stay away unless they are completely well (even colds). Scott will write something up and run it by the COVID committee.

Section leaders: Marilyn (soprano) Sally (alto) , Priscilla (tenor) , Rich (bass).

Deborah will be collecting old music, and she will sort it.

The music will be placed on a pew, for singers to pick up on Jan. 25th.

Mask station: Members will receive their singers' mask after they have passed through the process. We need to decide whether or not these masks will be required, or whether an n/KN95 mask will suffice. All registered singers will receive a mask, whether or not they choose to use it.

Cynthia & Michael were going to set up 6' markers for seating. It is unsure whether they will be there, as Cynthia's mother has passed. Mark & Loretta will do this if C & M are not there.

Information will be sent out, so people can be ready with their checks and filled-out forms, ahead of time. Mary V. will come up with a little prize to those who have come prepared (maybe a pencil).

Covid subcommittee:

Emails will be sent re: registration procedures

Vaccination verification will be enforced.

Each person will get a mask, if they have registered.

Positive COVID test will mean a missed rehearsal.

Section leaders will be the point of contact for members.

Singers' masks contain a filter. There is a protocol for filter washing, but they can be sanitized by not being worn for four days.

Use one filter throughout the year, new ones each night for concert. We can also buy extra inserts. Those insisting on wearing an N/KN965 will be allowed to do so. The data has not been collated about what level of safety is provided by singers' masks, but they appear to work as there has been no press about choir contamination by those groups using the masks.

Motion: We provide each singer with a Resonance singer's mask or allow singers to wear N/KN95 mask. Passed

Concerts are Saturday and Sunday, dress rehearsal will not be Friday at SOU, but at the church.

If we have a positive case of COVID among our members, rehearsals will have to be ceased for two weeks. We all need to be confident about reminding members to keep their masks on. Are we taking into account local statistics in our decision to proceed with rehearsals? According to Laura, hospital vacancy rate is a good indicator. Jackson County has 2-5% ICU bed availability currently. If we are maxed, we may need to wait to resume.

The church is not meeting in person, but renters are allowed to decide for themselves. Dr. Steve Thomas is not in favor of resuming. Other choirs in the area have decided not to meet. We are being very very careful and the other choirs have various situations (SORS has an immune-compromised director, Peace Choir has an active COVID among members, Kirby Shaw's group no mask mandate). RVC is rehearsing, their youth choir has an upcoming concert. RVC is meeting via Zoom for three weeks, which Mark is not respectful of that as it does not work well at all.

If the COVID subcommittee decides to postpone our resume date, our music will be up on Soundtrap, and will be posted on our website by 25th.

Mark could do the introduction via Zoom, and tell everyone to practice their music and that they will be told when it is safe to resume.

A meeting will be convened for "go/no go", on Saturday the 22nd, at 7PM. The decision will be based on the data available on Friday the 21st. Tuesday the criteria will be discussed. Howie will send out the information to the pertinent people.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51AM

