

ChoralArt
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2019

Attending: Mark Johnson, Ginny Pomeroy, Christy Comeau-Pierce, David White, Robert Stoddard, Carolyn Paulin, Sam Wilson, Gail Knowles, Robert Russell, Elizabeth Serrage

Absent: Marshall Green, Barbara Kapp, Darrell Leighton, Larry Rubinstein, Richard Sullivan, Melissa Rodrigue

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM with a welcome to a new and exciting year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by consensus.

Finance – David reported that the Form 990 with financial information for the year has been distributed. We finished the year in good financial health and “in the black” in operating budget and stock market gains. Membership dues of \$75. / year is still our largest income source.

Music Directors report – Bob reported that the PSO is interested in some schedule revisions. This was approved.

Manager’s report – Gail reported that we have 132 total singers, 14 new via audition.

CMS report – see attached report from Darrell – Bob reported about the artistic challenges involved. The concept of outreach to involve high school students as singers in this program was discussed. An *Ad hoc* group of Bob Russell, Gail Knowles, Sarah Bailey and Darrel was suggested as a High School outreach task force. Carolyn moved, seconded by Robert Stoddard that this task force be formed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Partner Program proposals for CMS were discussed. Preconcert lectures have been arranged through USM. There will also be opportunity for post-concert discussion. The consensus was that any event should be 1-3 weeks in advance of the concert and should not be organized or managed by ChoralArt

Development – Sam reported on the plans and preliminary results of grant requests. There is potential of at least \$41,000 so far.

New Business

Governance - Mark reported that we should do some self-assessment regarding development methods, etcetera as manners of giving are changing. This is also true of committee structure as we move forward. Mark requested that all committees review their standing with regards to makeup and efficacy and to be proactive in seeking new members from within CA ranks as required. He asked that Governance facilitate these efforts in addition to its own self-assessment and assessment of the Board.

Staffing – Robert Stoddard reported we do not yet have an Executive Director, but recent interviews are promising.

The meeting was adjourned by vote at 7:15 PM.

Location of the **December 11, 2019** meeting will be at SMRT but alternative space for meetings going forward is needed. Mark will call Woodfords CC regarding possible use of their space.

Elizabeth Serrage

Secretary