

DEER CREEK CHORALE

BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2017

Present: Julie Culotta, Jennifer Hayes, Sharon Kachur, Jeff Koerber, Meredith Leroy, Christine Master, Pete McCallum, Alexis Morris, Suzanne Zantop. Ex officio: Marty Banghart

Absent: Cris Martin, Wayne Perry, Todd Smith

Pete opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by saying that we had a lot of good news.

Treasurer's Report: See attached report. Suzanne also reported that for the annual campaign we are \$3,500 ahead on board contributions but \$3,900 behind on personal donations. She was happy to report that the Harford Cultural Arts Board awarded us \$5,000 for the Youth Choir to help them develop and it can be used for Julie's salary. The other good news is that the IRS is dropping the penalty that we paid and we will be getting back at least \$3,000. Suzanne commended Lexi on the ad sales because we surpassed our goal by \$335. Marty said that Dan Davis's company will print all the programs for our spring concert at no charge. Christine moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Lexi seconded the motion and it was passed.

Jeff spoke about buying and using a donor tracking program and there was a brief discussion. Jeff moved that we adopt the Little Green Light program as a donor tracking program at a cost of \$421 per year. Suzanne seconded the motion and it was passed.

Artistic Director's Report: Marty said that she has received the commissioned work by Dan McDavitt and she was very moved by it. She said that the feedback she has received from the December concert was that it was great and we looked great. Pete reported that we are on the books at St. Matthew's for our December 2017 concert. He said that they were very complimentary on how we used their facility.

Youth Choir Report: Julie said that for such a short season, her singers sang very well and that the parents were amazed at the memorization. She has 4 new singers to start the second semester for a total of 18 singers.

Carnegie Hall: Marty will have a brief meeting after rehearsal on Tuesday to tell interested choristers about this opportunity. To receive the best price, we will need to send a \$9,000 deposit by February 15th to guarantee 30 singers. The most that it would cost the choristers would be \$849.00, and it could be less depending upon fundraising and DCC contribution. Meredith will prepare flyers with the information to be handed out on Tuesday. We will need commitments from singers by February 7th.

Marketing Report: They are working on preparing for the spring concert.

A Cappella Festival: See attached report. Sharon moved to accept the report, Christine seconded and it and it was approved.

Pete will send out via email the proposed amended by-laws for our review.

Christine asked all board members to please think when replying to emails if “Reply all “ is really necessary. It was remarked that this was a good point.

Lexi moved to adjourn and Suzanne seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Leroy

Secretary