

## DEER CREEK CHORALE

### BOARD MEETING

June 23, 2016

Present: Julie Culotta, Dan Davis, Patrick Dickerson, Jennifer Hayes, Jeff Koerber, Meredith Leroy, Christine Martin, Christine Master, Pete McCallum, Alexis Morris, Todd Smith, Suzanne Zantop. Ex officio: Marty Banghart, Wayne Perry

Absent: Sharon Kachur, Liz Phelan

Pete opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by welcoming Jennifer Hayes and Todd Smith to the board. Celebrations were shared. Pete had his 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion and his 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Christine shared that some of us sang with the BSO, Linda Hall and Marin Alsop and had a blast. Dan Davis is very excited to have a new job with a large printing company. Marty had her 45<sup>th</sup> college reunion in Saratoga Springs, NY. Pete also welcomed Julie Culotta here from the Youth Choir.

Julie gave a brief background of herself and said that she is very excited to be a part of this process. Harford County is ready to offer this to our youth. She passed around copies of the registration form to be completed after acceptance following the child's audition. For the first year the choir will be open to children in the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Jeff questioned the audition since we are a non-auditioned chorus. Julie said that the audition is not to turn away, but more of a voice placement and a form of commitment to make sure that the child wants to do this, It will be very low key and will make them comfortable.

Secretary's Report: Christine moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Lexi seconded the motion and it was passed.

Pete presented a Child protection policy that Todd wrote for a previous church as this could be a guideline for us to use.

Patrick moved to formally approve the formation of the Deer Creek Youth Choir. Jeff seconded the motion. Suzanne said that our insurance policy through Cairnes-Tapley will be extended to cover 30 youths and the cost should stay about the same. Patrick said that the Youth Choir will be under the Marketing Committee for any marketing. The motion was passed and Pete will call Julie this evening to tell her. Wayne said that we must iterate that this is to be the Deer Creek Youth Choir and should always be that.

Treasurer's Report: Please see the attached report. Christine moved that the dues for the Youth Choir be \$350 which will include the music. Dan seconded the motion and it passed. There was

a general discussion about the budget. Meredith moved to approve the proposed salaries and to re-visit the budget in September. Lexi seconded the motion and it was passed.

Pete reported that Suzanne is working to clean up some of our filings with the State of Maryland as there are many things that have been overlooked and we are working to get all this straightened out. There will be financial statements from the accountant at the next board meeting.

Marketing Committee: Please see the attached report. Patrick handed out a Roles and Responsibilities paper and there was a general discussion about getting this ready for the possible hiring of someone next year. Patrick moved to create the position of an administrative staff person. Christine seconded and the motion passed. Patrick and Pete are looking at Marty's contract as a sample for other contracts; i.e: Wayne, Julie, etc.

Dan will be working on printing over the summer. He said that they are well on the way for a design for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and plan to have it done by mid -July.

A Cappella Update: Wayne is waiting to hear back from John Pusateri at Perry Hall High School.

Suzanne asked who is taking care of membership and Christine and Meredith said that they will do that.

Christine moved to adjourn, Patrick seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Leroy

Secretary