

## DEER CREEK CHORALE

### BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2017

Present: Patrick Dickerson, Jennifer Hayes, Sharon Kachur, Jeff Koerber, Meredith Leroy, Cris Martin, Christine Master, Pete McCallum, Alexis Morris, Todd Smith, Suzanne Zantop. Ex Officio: Wayne Perry

Excused: Marty Banghart, Julie Culotta, Liz Phelan

Pete opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Patrick moved to accept the minutes as read. Sharon seconded the motion and it was passed.

Treasurer's Report: See attached report. Suzanne said that we are financially healthy and that the Maryland Center for the Arts has donated \$400. We are waiting for payments from 3 Youth Choir members and 2 Chorale members. Julie will take care of payments from the Youth Choir. A travel fund account has been opened and all deposits for Carnegie Hall have been deposited. Todd moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Jeff seconded and it passed. Suzanne led a discussion about cash flow for the stipend for the choristers going to Carnegie and the board decided to move forward with an installment plan for chorister payments.

A Cappella Update: Wayne said that a list of volunteers went out and that all is going well. One group dropped out and another missed the deadline but will be doing a pre-concert in the lobby. Bob Bullis will be the MC. Suzanne said that all groups need to be thanked on Facebook after the concert.

Proposed Part Time Position: Pete turned the discussion over to Patrick and then moved to accept the committee's proposal dated March 1, 2017 for the position as described with compensation at \$15.00 per hour. There was a discussion about office space, use and costs. Christine said that we need to make sure that the Session of Bethel will approve this. Todd said that the Session has approved the proposal for Melissa Dick to be part time for Deer Creek as well as continue working for Bethel. Suzanne raised the question of who would she report to and that needs to be only one person. Wayne wanted to know if in a long view this was a step towards an Executive Director. Patrick replied that he didn't think so until Marty retired. Wayne said that she is moving towards sustainability and he thought she would like to see an Executive Director before she retires. Pete said that this will be a big adjustment period and success depends upon good communication. There was also a brief discussion about the website and newsletter because Liz wants to leave. The motion passed.

By-Laws: There was a discussion about the Personnel Committee and Pete and Jennifer will go back and review Section V. Further discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.

Cris reported that there was a very productive meeting with members from the Handel Choir. A budget was worked out for the collaboration next year. She also attended a Harford County Tourism Grant workshop last Monday. She said it was very useful and she learned how to prioritize requests and will be writing a grant request.

Alzheimer's Association: Wayne reached out to Cure Alzheimer's Fund and they are providing 500 brochures to us. 100% of all funds raised goes to research. Stephanie Davis is working with The Alzheimer's Association. Tickets for the concert will have a survey on the back.

Suzanne moved to adjourn, Lexi seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Leroy

Secretaryop