

**ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PRESENT: Karla Allingham, Soni Koskela, Ruth Derge, John Cleveland, Alan Schold, Bob Altizer, and Kathy Yoder.

ABSENT: Janus Torres

The regular meeting of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale was held via the *Zoom* platform on September 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Karla Allingham at 2:05 p.m.

Karla announced that board member Debi Howard resigned from the board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all members of the board for their review prior to the meeting by secretary, Ruth Derge.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the board of directors. Seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the financial statements for the end of the fiscal year were emailed to all members of the board for their review prior to the meeting by treasurer, Soni Koskela. As of August 31, 2020, there is a balance of \$1,270.50 in the checking account and \$10,709.57 in the savings account.

There was some discussion regarding the finances of the chorale. Soni stated that some funds may need to be transferred from savings to checking in order to pay upcoming bills. Soni also advised that although Ascension is now reopened for services, they have graciously agreed not to charge us a fee for storing our music while we are not rehearsing.

A motion was made to approve the treasurers report. Seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Soni informed the board that she is resigning as treasurer and member of the board effective immediately. She intends to have the books audited before she turns them over to the new treasurer which will likely take place within the next few weeks.

Ruth noted that several officers' terms are up, and we should be considering election of officers

Karla asked for a motion to postpone the 2020/2021 season for the chorale. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to postpone the 2020/2021 season of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale and take a one-year hiatus considering the challenges of rehearsing and performing due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Seconded. Carried.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Prior to the meeting Karla distributed, via email, proposed revisions to the bylaws as well as recommended requirements for a music director compiled by the Search Committee. Karla advised the board that the Search Committee has met several times and it has become very evident especially after meeting with Dr. Hanson that we need to clearly define the mission and vision of the chorale going forward. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the information presented.

It was decided to table any decisions regarding the proposed language in the bylaws regarding the music director's duties until the next regular meeting. This will give everyone time to review the proposed revisions prior to a resolution.

GRANTS

Bob stated that the Arizona Commission on the Arts has funds available for distribution. We can apply for a grant of up to \$4,000.00. The funds will be awarded to the successful recipients at the end of October 2020 and will be paid during the first quarter of 2021.

Bob then explained the A Community Thrives grant opportunity and fundraising drive which will begin on Monday September 21, 2020. A notice will be placed on the website and other social media regarding this campaign.

OTHER

It was noted that the Arizona Masterworks Chorale became a member of Chorus America in August 2020. The fee of \$250 was covered by a donation from board member John Cleveland.

Bob stated that he is hoping to send out a monthly email newsletter to members of the chorale as well as to our master mailing list.

Bob gave a virtual "tour" of the newly revised and updated website which he designed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date for the next regular meeting of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale Board of Directors will be held on October 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will take place via the *Zoom* platform.

It was noted that we want to provide information to chorale members about the current condition of the chorale and to that end, it was decided to schedule the annual meeting of the Arizona Masterworks Chorale on October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will take place via the *Zoom* platform. Karla will send out a notice to the chorale members.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Derge, Secretary
Arizona Masterworks Chorale