

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CHORALE

ANNUAL MEETING

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH HOLLAND, MI

APRIL 16, 2019

Board President, Pam Wells, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Board members were introduced.

Stressing “There’s something for everyone to do”, Pam acknowledged and thanked all of the volunteers, making everyone aware that it takes the efforts of many to have a successful Chorale season. The list was long:

- Fall Fundraiser Committee
- Grand Night for Singing Committee
- Artistic Committee
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Operations Committee (members are needed)
- Marketing
- Librarian
- Good Will Ambassador
- Costumer
- All who assist Pam Pierson with Grant Writing
- Librarian
- Stage Manager and all who assist him
- 60th Anniversary Committee
- Dickens Singers
- Section Leaders and Managers

Pam Pierson is in need of volunteers to help with the State Choral Festival May 3,6 &7. Contact Pam (pam.pierson@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

Treasurer, Julie Anderson, shared financial graphs showing how much money it takes to have a successful season, and where the money is spent. She said that the organization is in a better financial position now than it was a year ago due to sponsorships and successful fundraising events, but we must work on building a reserve.

Artistic Director, Patrick Coyle, was available via Skype and announced his expected return to Michigan on May 1st. He shared the following dates and plans for the 60th anniversary season beginning Fall 2020:

1. The season title will be CROSSROADS. It will emphasize the crucial intersection of four things: 1) Legacy, 2) Community, 3) Beauty, 4) Opportunity.
2. Adventures in Harmony (Tenors and Basses) will be Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Rehearsal will be moved to Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Prof. Mark Stover from the University of Michigan will be the clinician.
3. The Fall Concert, themed Mid-Century Modern, will be Sunday October 13, 2019, 3:00 pm, Third Reformed Church, Holland. This will be a free gift to the community to kick-off the 60th anniversary season.
4. The Holiday Concert, themed The Glory of Christmas, will be Sunday, December 8, 2019.
5. The official 60th anniversary concert, themed Legacy of Song, will feature all five Artistic Directors (Cal Langejans, Gary Bogel, Ryan Kelly, Meredith Bowen and Patrick Coyle), and all five directors will conduct a selection of their choice. An All-American Finale is planned, with alumni invited to participate. The concert date is Sunday March 15, 2020, 3:00 pm and full rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday morning March 14, 2020.
6. Two concerts are scheduled for April 18, 2020. The Holland Chorale will perform Beethoven's 9th with the Holland Symphony Orchestra. This year marks the 30th anniversary of HSO.
7. May 1, 2020 will be a BIG concert, themed Orchestra of Voices, shared with Chanticleer. 2020 is Chanticleer's 40th anniversary.

Operations Manager, Jennifer Brunk, shared other major up-coming events:

1. The 2019 Tulip Time concert, May 6, 2019, will be a combination of both beautiful music and beautiful art. Area artists have been invited to display their art in the SCA lobby, in the theater and on stage. There will be an Artist's Reception in the lobby prior to the concert. Jennifer encouraged members to get the word out in the community and encourage people to attend. Tulip Time has advised her that there are no bus tours this year and plenty of tickets are available.

2. Grand Night for singing, May 23,2019, is the main fundraiser for the year and will launch the anniversary year. Cal and Yvonne Langejans will be the honorary chairs of the event. Cal was the original Artistic Director for the Holland Chorale, a position he held for 40 years. Members were encouraged to attend.
3. Jennifer shared her excitement for the 60th anniversary year. She and Patrick are working on lining up sponsors to cover the cost of the free concert scheduled for Fall 2019. Sponsors are also needed for the May 2020 concert with Chanticleer.
4. One of the themes of CROSSROADS is Community, with emphasis on how to better connect with the Greater Holland Community. She is planning to arrange for Chanticleer to do an educational program with one of the area schools as a community outreach endeavor. The Holland Museum will be featuring a Holland Chorale exhibit during the holidays and the Dickens Carolers are scheduled to sing there. There will be a community connection with the Holland Symphony when the Holland Chorale performs Beethoven's 9th with them in April, 2020. She has had phone contact with the Holland Civic Theater, which is also celebrating a major anniversary in 2020, with hopes of coming up with some sort of collaboration with them as well.
5. Jennifer has been in touch with the West Coast Chamber of Commerce and would like for the Holland Chorale to establish a relationship with them.
6. The recently renovated Holland Civic Center has a display featuring the history of the Holland Chorale on the second floor. She is looking into some sort of partnership with them to promote the 60th anniversary.
7. Jennifer asked members to talk-up the anniversary. She has materials available upon request.

Both Jennifer and Pam thanked the Chorale members for their commitment to the organization and for providing beautiful music for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Sally Zenas, Board Secretary

