

Holland Chorale
Board Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021
Via Zoom

Attending: Tom Busa; Patrick Coyle; Mihai Craioveanu; Jenny DeGraves; Mark DeWitt; Jean Lemmenes; Betty McLarty; Maura Reynolds; Carol Zeh

Absent: Julie Anderson; Keon Atkins; Terri Borgman; Jay Gainforth; Sarah VandenBrink

Jean called the meeting to order at 7:10. There was not a quorum for this meeting.

1. Minutes of the October 4, 2021 board meeting were approved as submitted. Since there were no changes to the minutes, the board agreed to approve without a quorum.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Executive Committee and President's report**
 - a. The Board has been contacted by several who feel strongly that masks should be required for concert patrons at the Holiday Concert. Patrick suggests this wording, "Out of an abundance of caution and for the sake of the children in the Choir and all in attendance, masks will be required for the Holiday Concert." Because there was not a quorum at the November meeting, Board voting on a mask requirement for the Holiday Concert will happen via email. The Board is asked to reply quickly. Maura moved and Carol seconded.
 - b. The artistic committee will meet soon to make recommendations about our next season (2022-2023). Adventures in Harmony will be in October at the request of the high school choir directors. Patrick reports that in the past it has been challenging for the Chorale to be well-prepared for both Adventures in Harmony and an October concert. He further reports that he likes the additional preparation this year's schedule (without an October concert or Adventures in Harmony) has provided for the Holiday Concert. Carol wonders what would be the impact of offering only two, rather than three, concerts: lower dues; fewer ticket sales; support of singers. Patrick believes that this year's schedule should not be considered a model for future seasons. He would like to see more outreach to the community, possibly a guest conductor, possibly involvement with Tulip Time. What is the best time to schedule Grand Night for Singing? Mark suggests September; Patrick liked this year's venue.
 - c. Update on MCACA. Our grant next year is \$13,750. First payment will come in February after paperwork is completed. Betty will share the comments from the reviewers about our application.
 - d. Update on streaming the Holiday Concert. Betty is working on licensing; she believes it would cost \$500-600. If we charge for streaming, the cost to license will be higher. Some of the pieces involve the Children's Choir and cannot be posted. Patrick expressed some concern about posting the concert without seeing the quality of the video. First Reformed has five cameras; Betty is trying to find volunteers to run them. Two people who help with video at her church may help. Betty will check with Tom at First Reformed to see if he would be able to tape. Patrick thinks that even if the video is not uploaded, it would be good to tape to see what might be possible for the future. If, after we look at the video, we decide to post a part of the concert later, we would at that time request the streaming licensing.

