

Wausau Pro Musica Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 13, 2021 via Zoom

Call to Order – Dixie 6:02 pm

Members Present: Dixie, Barb, Jeannie, Karen, Wendy, Liz, Kathy KE & Shelly

1. Minutes of March 2nd Meeting – Jeannie

Board Action: Ratify approval of minutes with changes by Wendy (these were approved by the majority of the board members via email so we could publish them on the website). Ratified by a show of hands.

2. Treasurer's Report – Wendy

Savings \$13,552.86

Checking 1,104.68

Total \$14,657.54

Wendy advised all bills have been paid. She has one deposit of \$100.00 Thrivent Dollars received from James Janke to be made. We have also received a \$500.00 grant from the Dudley Foundation. Wendy to check with the Fundraising Committee on sending a thank you to James Janke.

Board Action: Treasurer's Report Approved by show of hands.

3. Artistic Director's Report

Karen had no report at this time. She did say however, that she has been forwarding information she has received from various other choral groups regarding their COVID Protocols for the board's review.

4. Membership Concerns – Dixie

Dixie reported that Linn Hall & Mary Lenard have left the group because of other commitments. There are several other members which for various reasons are not sure of their return. Kristen, Rene, Julie and Lette are not sure. We have not heard from Donna. Charlotte is hoping to return in the Fall but has been having many medical issues. The Mentees are all Juniors so hopefully they will remain. Less and less members are participating in the Zoom meetings. Some people feel it is a good time to leave because of the uncertainty of the times.

5. Results of Survey for resuming rehearsal – Dixie

A total of 19 people responded. Several items regarding a protocol for returning to rehearsals were discussed:

- Vaccination Policy – We would like to strongly recommend and highly recommend not mandate that members be vaccinated. Members do not need to prove that they are vaccinated, however, we will ask everyone to sign a waiver releasing Wausau Pro Musica from any liability should anyone become ill.

- Masks – Masks will be required to all able to wear them. Barb to look into the singer's mask. Hopefully, there will be a discount option for a mass order. She will order a couple of different sized masks to examine.
- Contact Tracing – Should someone contract COVID contract tracing will need to done.
- Rehearsals – **Board Action:** Motion made by Kathy KE seconded by Shelly to cancel the formal winter concert but prepare several pieces should the opportunity arise to do a runout or other community event. Approved by a show of hands. Karen suggested we start out with smaller groups with 1 hour rehearsal with break after 30 minutes. This would at least get us back into singing.
- Rehearsal Space – a few suggestions have been made. 1st Presbyterian, Dixie spoke with Michael Fisher. He is willing to work with us. Jeannie to contact Mount Olive, Barb to contact St Mark's Lutheran and Liz to check with Grace United Church of Christ in Wausau.
- Social Distancing – singing 6 feet apart was recommended.
- Change policy in the handbook for illness – it was suggested to change the current policy of mildly ill person being allowed to observe rehearsal to not attend. Karen will record rehearsals which can later be shared with the member who missed.

A Committee of Dixie, Karen and Liz will work on a proposed Protocol which will be presented to the board at the May 4th meeting for approval. We will then send out a hard copy to the membership to review and will vote on the protocol at the Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 18th at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Karen will have time to put a rehearsal schedule together before we resume in-person rehearsals in September (we will not plan on approving a rehearsal schedule at the May Board meeting) and she will refocus her lesson plans for rehearsals with the above changes in mind.

6. Tentative plans for Zoom Membership Meeting April 20th 6:00 pm via Zoom

- Follow same format
- Kathy KE to host Kahoot – Music Symbols
- Karen to lead vocal exercises
- Karaoke to be hosted by Barb

7. Set Annual Business Meeting Date – Tuesday May 18th 6:00 pm via Zoom

Next Board Meeting Date – Tuesday May 4th 6:00 pm via Zoom

Adjourned at 8:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted – Jeannie Hagenbucher, Secretary