

## MINUTES WAUSAU PRO MUSICA SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday May 17, 2022 6:00 PM Lower Level First Presbyterian Church

Supper at 6:00 PM – Business Meeting to start at 6:30 PM

Call to Order – Dixie 6:34 PM

### 1. Secretary's Report – Jeannie

The Minutes from the May 18, 2021 Annual Meeting via Zoom had been sent out to all members via email in advance.

**Board Action:** Motion by Rene' Munz to approve the Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanette Barthels. Secretary's Report Approved by voice vote.

### 2. Treasurer's Report – Wendy

\$ 2,436.80	Checking
<u>12,774.20</u>	Savings
\$15,211.00	Total

Wendy advised we received \$1,400.00 in donations at the concert compared to our Ticket Sales for our last concert in 2019 which were the same amount. There are two invoices which need to be paid. \$210.00 to WPR for advertising and \$250.00 to What's the Buzz for the video and vocal recordings of the Spring Concert. Wendy also encouraged the use of Amazon Smile and Thrivent Points which will benefit the group. Wendy also advised that she will speak to Mandy Wright from Thrivent which is offering a free service to allow online donations. She will up date the board when she has more information. A question was raised as to what the cost per choir member is based on (figure from the Handbook). The amount was determined by the total expenses divided by the number of members. The expenses include: advertising, printing, postage, rehearsal and concert space rental, insurance, Artistic Director, and Accompanist, Choral Tracks, Guest Musicians and the Mentee Scholarships. Dixie also reminded the membership that at the retreat we held several years ago, the financial piece was identified as a weak area. That is why we held the Janet Planet signature fundraiser. The Board continues to look at avenues for fundraising so we can keep the membership dues at a minimum.

**Board Action:** Motion by Vickie Richmond Hawkins to approve the Treasurer's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lette Becker. Treasurer's Report Approved by voice vote.

### 3. Presidents Report – Dixie (Highlights of the year: Goal Status)

Attached are the Highlights of Board Actions August 2021- May 2022. Also attached are the Vision Statement, Mission Statement and the current Strategic Plan. Dixie went through the highlights and pointed out the challenges we faced this past year and how we were able to meet them to return to in person rehearsals and have a Spring Concert.

We were able to meet several of our 6 month Goals and there are a few that are (in process).

#### 4. Artistic Director's Report – Karen

- Karen commented on how we started our in person rehearsals by having sectionals was a Silver Lining as it gave her a chance to get to know the group better by meeting in small groups.
- She thanked us for the incredible concert we put on. She received very positive feedback from several people who had attended.
- Karen thanked Lauren Kowalski for suggesting the Song Sponsorship Program which has been very successful allowing us to purchase new music. She encouraged us to share the information with our friends, relatives and businesses. She was looking for someone to sponsor the Pentatonics version of Silent Night to be used in our upcoming Christmas Concert. Shelly Kafka graciously volunteered to sponsor the song. It was suggested that we set up a table at our next concert for the Song Sponsorship Program.
- Stars Above Earth Below is the theme of our Christmas Concert. All songs have been sponsored and the Choral Tracks have already been made as Karen planned the Concert for last Christmas, however because of COVID we were unable to hold it.

Dixie reported that Karen and Jody have each signed contracts for the upcoming concert season (September 2022 – May 2023).

#### 5. Election of Two Board Members – Dixie

Kris Porter and Debi Traeder are up for Nomination to the Board.

**Board Action:** Motion to Nominate Kris made by Kathy Koch-Engstrum; 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Corbett. Approved by voice vote.

**Board Action:** Motion to Nominate Debi made by Vickie Richmond Hawkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelly Kafka.

Approved by voice vote. Election for Officers will be held at the Board Meeting in August.

#### 6. Recognition of Out Going Board Members, Barb and Dixie – Dixie

- Dixie thanked the Board Members for their hard work during this transition year. Barb is stepping down; however she will help with PR. Dixie thanked her for taking care of the vaccination records, the singer's masks, karaoke during the zoom meetings and her great ideas and PR work.
- Dixie is stepping down after 7 years of serving on the board 6 of which were as Board President. She thanked the group for the flowers received at the Spring Concert, the Vase and the beautiful card made by Shelly Kafka and signed by the

group. The group gave her a rousing standing ovation for her years of service and dedication to Pro Musica.

- Jeannie was thanked for her ability as Secretary to condense topics of the meetings into one or two pages of minutes
- Wendy was thanked for being our treasurer which is a huge task, a Ray of Sunshine and having a broader scope
- Kathy KE was thanked for her work on the fundraising committee and costume committee coming up with the scarves for the concert, providing the Kahoot Game as entertainment for some of our Zoom Meetings and being a valuable Member at Large.
- Dixie thanked Liz for her dedication as Vice President, as Hospitality Hostess, a Legal Adviser and her personal support to Dixie
- Shelly was thanked for her artistic abilities in designing our Posters and Programs, keeping our roster up to date, for assisting Liz with the Hospitality Committee, being our WebMaven, posting interesting items on our Facebook page and all that she does for Pro Musica
- Karen was thanked and given a round of applause as our new Artistic Director and for her hard work in choosing meaningful music and putting the concert together. During this transition time, she has been absorbing how we have done things in the past and will be able to use this information moving forward, using her unique skill set.

Dixie emphasized that she hoped we will continue to put time and effort into our mentorship program and continue to seek out ways to serve our community.

#### 7. Fundraiser Update – Kathy KE

Kathy advised that there are several open 2 hour time slots for the Wings Over Wausau Fundraiser we signed up for. The dates are June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone must step up! She suggested asking friends, spouses, relatives etc. to assist. Shelly to send out an email to all members asking them to assist by picking a time slot.

#### 8. General Feedback on the Concert and Spring Semester – Dixie

Following are comments received:

- Compliments on the Music Selections
- Great to have an experienced Director
- The quality of the voice blend
- Karen prepared us well
- Suggested Karen be close to the mike when speaking
- We should celebrate how we have worked together as a team
- We need to continue with the Mentee Program

- Continue to serve the Community with Run-Our Concerts
- Encourage our singing friends to join us to increase our numbers (target 40)
- We are in good shape for the Fall Semester; we have a good foundation on which to build on. Karen and Jody are returning, we have a rehearsal venue, we have a COVID protocol should we need to re-implement it and most of the Board members are staying on.

Dixie will meet with Kathy KE, Kris and Karen several times over the summer to begin the Board leadership transition. Dixie will set the agenda for the August meeting (in conjunction with new leadership) and will run the meeting until the new President is elected; she will be available for assistance as needed.

### Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Liz Corbett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lette Becker; Approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeannie Hagenbucher Secretary