

Wausau Pro Musica Board Meeting March 3, 2020

Wausau Conservatory of Music

Call to Order – Dixie

Meeting called to Order at 5:17 PM

Members Present: Dixie, Judy, Shelly, Liz, Wendy, Barb

Excused due to illness: Jeannie; Excused: Linda

Jeannie had let Dixie know that she might be out for an extended period of time due to a medical issue; Dixie appointed herself as acting secretary until Jeannie is able to return

Minutes of February 4, 2020 Meeting – Dixie

Board Action: Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report – Wendy

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Checking \$ 4309.59

Savings 10,000.00

Total \$14,309.59

Board Action: Treasurer's Report Approved

Wendy reported that we did receive \$500 from the Dudley Foundation and \$20 from Thrivent. The Amazon smiles checks are issued quarterly so we have not received anything yet. Travel expense for Judy will be paid per her Spring contract. We will not renew our Chorus America Membership (\$155.00). The liability insurance for the Board is due and the Axis representative is mailing the invoice to our PO Box. Wendy reported that several members have given \$100.00 towards dues to help out those who could not afford the increase.

Mentorship Program – Judy/Dixie

- Judy has recommended that the 4 \$125.00 mentee sponsorships be given directly to Tatiana; she has had difficulty getting Tatiana reimbursed through the WCM. Tatiana puts in much additional time accompanying the group voice lessons and solo/ensembles. Wendy made motion to pay Tatiana the \$500.00 designated for the spring semester mentorship program; Barb seconded. **Board Action: approved**
- Judy will connect with Karen about doing auditions for mentees for the Fall
- Judy will send out letters to area schools targeting high school Juniors and Seniors; we are hoping to get increased participation from other schools besides Merrill and Mosinee

Ticket Prices for Concerts – Wendy/Dixie

- A recommendation had been made from one of the volunteers who sells tickets to make all adult ticket prices \$10.00; it has been difficult to ask adults if they qualify for the senior priced tickets and the \$2.00 creates problems for making change. There is often a resulting bottle-neck since the ticket line is held up while trying to determine which ticket price to charge and while trying to make change.
- Wendy made motion to sell all adult tickets at \$10; seconded by Liz. **Board Action: approved**

Replacement for Linda, Member at Large (May 2020) – Dixie

Linda has decided to step off the Board; she has contacted Kathy Koch Engstrom who is willing to serve on the Board. Kathy's name was given to the Nominating Committee to be placed on the ballot for the May annual business meeting.

Reception/Hospitality at Spring Concert – Dixie/Liz/Shelly

Shelly and Liz will again coordinate the reception which will be held after the Spring concert. We will continue to purchase some cookies from a bakery and encourage donations from those members who like to bake. Shelly has ideas for the centerpieces for the reception table. A huge thank you to Shelly and Liz for coordinating this and for donating time and materials.

Posters/Save the Date Cards – Shelly

Shelly requested the number of posters to have printed up: 175 (per Barb, PR Chair). Shelly will have 500 save the date cards made up and will check with the UPS store for the numbers of tickets and programs we had printed up last year. She has most of the program done; she is completing the highlights of the mentees.

New items (not on the agenda)

- Judy shared a letter that was written to her from Kathy M; it was very complimentary of the Board and the work we do
- Judy requested that we have a plan in case the coronavirus hits our area; she will make an announcement at rehearsal tonight. She and Dixie will keep in touch regarding the spread of the virus to the Wausau area and reschedule rehearsals as needed. We will also recommend that members stay home if they are not feeling well and continue to use good hygiene to prevent the spread of germs.
- Discussion was held regarding recognizing the mentees formally at the Spring Concert

Next meeting date April 7, 2020 at 5:15 pm - Meeting Adjourned at 5:52 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Dixie Hettinga – Acting Secretary