

Wausau Pro Musica Board Meeting May 5, 2020

Via ZOOM

Call to Order – Dixie

Meeting called to Order at 6:10 PM

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

Excused: Jeannie

Invited Guests: Karen Zuidema, Debi Traeder, Kathy Koch-Engstrum

1. Minutes of April 7, 2020 Meeting – Dixie

Board Action: Minutes Approved via ratification

2. Treasurer's Report – Wendy

Total \$10,176.73

Board Action: Treasurer's report approved

Wendy noted that all bills have been paid. We only had to pay \$50 on the \$450 Board liability insurance due to adjustments for COVID-19. Linda to check on status of CDs/DVDs and to let Dixie know if any more need to be ordered and to get Wendy the checks and monies collected from the membership.

Wendy had been asked to provide a report on the financial impact of not having a Spring concert; she reported that we really didn't lose any money since we would have had to pay for programs, PR and refreshments—those bills would have almost equaled what we would have gained in ticket sales. Balance on hand (noted above) is comparable to last year.

3. Tatiana's 2020/2021 contract – Dixie

Board Action: Wendy made motion to pay Tatiana \$35/hour; Second by Linda.

Discussion ensued related to considerations for COVID-19 effects and possible continued restrictions for social gatherings. It was deemed judicious to protect our private contractors and the organization by adding a clause to their contracts in the event we would need to cancel rehearsals.

Board Action: Wendy amended original motion to pay Tatiana \$35/hour and to add a clause to give 1 month's notice and severance pay in the event we have to cancel rehearsals; Second by Shelly. Approved on voice vote.

Board Action: Judy moved to amend Karen's contract by adding a clause to give 1 month's notice and severance pay in the event we have to cancel rehearsals; second by Barb. Passed on voice vote.

4. Signature Fundraiser for Spring 2021 – Debi and Kathy KE

Debi and Kathy presented several options for a less involved signature fundraiser for next Spring. Their recommendation was to not move forward with the originally planned guest artist and silent auction but to modify the fundraiser in lieu of the economic concerns for the foreseeable future. The two options presented were: 1) Virtual talent show ; 2) Karaoke, Wine/Craft beers, Appetizers/desserts. (See attached sheet for details). They recommended we stay with the theme of Wine, Women and Song. Debi and Kathy were thanked for their suggestions and for participating in the Board meeting.

Board Action: Linda moved to put original signature fundraiser plans on hold; second by Liz and motion carried. Barb moved to request the signature fundraising committee to move forward on option 2 (Karaoke) for Spring 2021; second by Shelly and motion carried.

Dixie to contact Debi and Kathy to apprise them of the decision and to request a timeline and projected costs for the fundraiser to be submitted to the Board in September 2020.

5. Calendar for Fall 2020– Dixie/Karen

Board Action: Calendar approved with the addition of a Kaffee Klatch the first night of rehearsal (Sept 15).

It was noted that the schedule would be subject to what transpires with the COVID-19 restrictions for the Fall. The change back to 6:30-8:30 PM for rehearsals was not deemed necessary to run by the entire membership.

6. WPM 2020-2021 Handbook – Shelly

Several changes to the handbook were recommended: The dues for 2020-2021 \$50 per semester (\$35 membership dues; \$15 new music). Under auditions, “Those auditioning *may* interview with section leaders. Karen to look at section for singer’s responsibilities. Dixie to contact all the committee members/chairs and update as needed. It was recommended we add “Kaffee Klatch” as a committee. Under lights (at the end of the handbook), discontinue contact as Judy. Dixie to check with Donna (librarian) to see if she would keep track of the lights. Target all revisions to the Handbook to be done by next Board meeting.

7. Recognition of Linda and Judy for their contributions to the WPM Board

Dixie thanked Linda for her contribution to the Board, for all her insights, for collecting the money for the CDs/DVDs and for being such a positive influence during all our changes. Dixie thanked Judy for her vision, her passion and leadership, for raising the level of sophistication, for challenging the Board to grow the organization. She has forever left her mark on the organization and a legacy we will continue to build on.

New Business: Dixie to send out agenda for Business meeting May 12.

Mentee recognition: Dixie to ask Patti to send graduation cards to the high school seniors (Sophia and Breann) and their addresses will be listed in the next Newsletter if individual members wish to send graduation congratulations.

Judy and Karen to meet to discuss options for rehearsals if COVID-19 restrictions continue into the Fall and for Judy to explain Newsletter format. Newsletter to be sent out after the May 12 business meeting.

Next meeting date July 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM place TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Dixie Hettinga – Acting Secretary