



## **2020-2021 Season – November 14, 2020 (after dress rehearsal/before November virtual concert)**

### **11:38 am Call to Order**

- Board members present:
  - Mike Ramirez - President
  - Angela Aldridge - Secretary
  - Hoang Bui – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Social
  - Krista Baskerville – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Membership Oversight
  - Rich Gordley – Board member At-Large with duties to be assigned
- Board members not present: Laura McNulty (Vice President), Carolyn Knittle (Treasurer)
- Carl Johnson (Music Director) was also present

### **Minutes of Prior Board Meeting**

Minutes from the August 4, 2020 Board meeting were previously distributed to the Board via email however were not discussed at this meeting. The Board will discuss and approve these minutes at the next meeting.

### **Set date for next meeting**

The Board decided to reconvene sometime in December 2020.

### **Treasurer's report: CAROLYN**

The Treasurer's report was not presented during this meeting.

Mike reported that expenses for the November virtual concert are as follows:

- \$500 hall rental
- \$1000 for concert recording/streaming
- Harpist – amount TBD

The November virtual concert is a no-dues concert, but participants are welcome to make donations (especially to assist in covering the costs for the masks).

### **Social Report: HOANG**

No report as there is no social activity.

### **Grants Report**

No report was shared.

## **New Business**

The Board discussed making more masks for future concerts. It was decided to not make more masks until we know if we are playing again in the near future (January). Krista noted that the people making the masks would need to know in plenty of time before the first rehearsal if more masks are needed.

Mike shared his thoughts regarding our November virtual concert occurring Sunday, Nov 15. Mike noted this concert has turned out well, everyone has been cooperative and the rehearsal hall/auditorium sound good. The auditorium exchanges air more often than the rehearsal hall. The timing of the concert worked well in that we could tie it in as a celebration of Veteran's Day. Mike noted that he bought an ad for this concert for two weeks for \$50, which has reached 7200 people so far with 68 people saying they are "going" to the concert. The video will be available via Facebook, our DMCO site and Vimeo (it will not be just live).

Rich will be adding the Board on the concert emails that he sends to our email distribution list going forward.

The Board discussed the possibility of future concerts. At this point we are not able to plan months in advance. We are almost certain we are not performing a Winter concert like we normally would – perhaps we will perform another virtual concert. The Board will reassess this in December during a quick meeting. If it is decided we will be performing another virtual concert, Carl will decide what we will be playing as certain pieces require permission for live streaming. We may want to talk with the Des Moines Symphony's librarian to see how they have dealt with music and live streaming. Carl noted that we now have a "backup" of concerts that we can play that Carl had planned. We could possibly perform the new music concert, as those composers may be more conducive to live streaming. Mike noted that if we do another virtual concert we should have Iowa PBS involved if they are willing, so perhaps more children-themed concerts.

Carl shared his thoughts regarding our November concert. Carl thanked everyone for participating in this concert. Carl read a very nice message from Linda Robbins Coleman ("Elegy for the Greatest Generation"). It means so much to Linda that we are playing this piece in the November virtual concert.

## **Any further business – for the good of the order**

None.

## **Adjourn**

Mike motioned to adjourn at 12:16 pm.