



2021-2022 Season – November 30, 2021

Approximately 6:00 pm - Call to Order

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

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting

The last Board meeting occurred on July 9, 2021. Minutes from that meeting were distributed via email and uploaded to the DMCO website. There were no objections, and the minutes were accepted into official record.

Discussion Regarding Resuming Rehearsals/Concerts

The Board discussed resuming rehearsals and concerts.

The first step is finding out if Grace United Methodist will allow DMCO to rehearse and knowing their Covid-19 protocols. Carl Johnson will connect with the organist at Grace to ask for this information.

The second step is deciding on DMCO's Covid-19 protocols (knowing they need to be at least to the level of Grace's protocols). The Board discussed the following:

- Not having a vaccination requirement but having a testing requirement. Players and the director must provide a negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours prior to a rehearsal or concert. Players and the director may opt out of testing if a vaccination card is shown to any Board member. DMCO will provide Test Iowa kits. This is similar to the Des Moines Metro Opera.
- Strings and percussionists will wear masks at all times. Wind players will wear masks unless playing (and if short rests, masks do not need to be worn during those).
- Instrument covers/bell covers will not be required.
 - The Board discussed requiring wind defenders for flutes. Requiring this is pending discussion with our flute players.
- Temperature checks will not occur.
- The orchestra will practice physical distancing as space allows.

Two votes of the Board will occur.

- First vote deciding that DMCO will resume unless we are not able to have rehearsal space at Grace United Methodist.
 - Michael Ramirez motioned, it was seconded and voted unanimously in favor.
- Second vote deciding that Covid-19 protocol will be accepted as listed above and read by Angela.
 - Michael Ramirez motioned, it was seconded and voted unanimously in favor.

The Board discussed that requirements for audience members will be discussed at a future date.

New Business

Carl Johnson discussed the planned repertoire for the upcoming four concerts, as listed in the attached Word document.

Treasurer's and Grants Report: CAROLYN

Carolyn paid the insurance for the year.

Carolyn paid ASCAP. BMI is asking for \$235.

Michael provided Carolyn with the mail from the post office box.

Carolyn paid for the license for the trailer. Drake has been prepaid \$500. John Sens' webservices are billed quarterly.

We turned down the Bravo grant for the 2021 Messiah as it did not occur. This grant opens again in January 2022.

There were no objections, and the Treasurer's report was accepted into official record.

Set date for next meeting

TBD

Anything further business - for the good of the order

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned around 8 pm.