VMC April 12, 2022 Board Meeting

Final Draft

I. **Called to Order: 6:41 pm**

II. **Board Members Present:**

1. Rachelle Matheson, President
2. Dennis Haberkamp, Treasurer
3. Laura Brody, Secretary
4. Teresa Loftus, VP of Membership
5. Amy Christensen, VP of Technology
6. Thomas Nadal, VP of Concerts
7. Mike Nettleton, VP of Marketing
8. Dan Warner, VP of Business

III. **Other Attendees**

1. Russ Freeland

IV. **Board Members Absent:**

1. Jana Hart, Director

- **Reports**
  - **Secretary's Report: Laura Brody**
    - 3 errors were found in the March minutes and corrections were made
    - Motion to approve minutes. Seconded and passed
  - **Treasurer's Report: Dennis Haberkamp**
    - Explanation of expenses and income in March
    - Motion to refund Carnegie Hall partial payments to those who could not attend
      - Motion was seconded and passed
    - Summary of March Concert income and expenses will be ready for May board meeting.
    - Motion made to approve Treasure's Report
      - Seconded and passed

- **Old Business**
  - Requiem Concert Post Action Review
    - Good comments and positive feedback about Rebirth Concert were shared
  - **Streaming Concerts**
    - Amy reports that the royalty costs for concert streaming are too expensive at this time.
      - Board members agree
  - **Scholarships**
    - Teresa accepts request to judge the scholarship auditions
    - The winning scholarship recipient will be announced at the concert in May

- **New Business**
  - **Current First Presbyterian Covid Protocols**
    - Dan has spoken with First Presbyterian Church and the protocols will be:
      - Masks will be worn by everyone in the auditorium (performers, audience, volunteers, engineers, etc…)
      - 300 tickets will be allowed to be sold
      - Vaccination proof will be required for both audience and participants
  - **Deadline for May concert program**
    - Deadline for submissions to Diane Walter for the concert program is April 20
      - Question about including names of soloists. At the time of this meeting, soloists were not yet announced

Reports

- **Jana Hart, Director**
  - In her absence a list from her email was read to the group
    - Question about filling out grant applications
    - Raising grant amount from $5K to $10K
    - Reminder about final report on the Rebirth Concert (Faure Requiem and Sing with Skyview High School Choir students)
      - This needs to be filled out and sent to WA.gov
    - Discussion about raising awareness regarding the manner in which the funds from the grant are used.

- **Action Item** Dan volunteers to contact local legislators to our May concert to expose them to the work VMC does and make sure they know that the grant money awarded to us stays in their community.
    - Board members are very enthusiastic about this action
- Assistance is requested for volunteers to set up chairs for rehearsals on Monday nights.
- **Action Item: Teresa will put out a call for volunteers to set up chairs**

- **VP of Membership: Teresa Loftus**
  - Jumpstart
    - How shall we handle breakfast/snacks at Jumpstart and where should the food be set up?
      - Discussion regarding the use of masks during the eating of refreshments
        - Decision was made to allow people to decide for themselves whether to eat inside or outside and when specifically to take off and don their masks
      - **Action Item: Teresa will sent out an email about the potluck format for the Jumpstart rehearsal**
  - Question: Was a refund issued for the pandemic cancellation from the Water Resource Board?
    - **Action Item: Dennis will contact Water Resource Board and find out about refund status**
  - Should the May 17 General Meeting be a potluck or a Zoom Call?
    - Group consensus was to do the meeting in person as it has been done in the past
  - Board Positions
    - Susan Pautz has volunteered for the position of VP of Membership
    - Other openings are: President, VPs of Concerts and Technology
      - Min Kuang has volunteered for VP of Marketing

- **VP Concerts: Tom Nadal**
  - Nothing to report

- **VP Business: Dan Warner**
  - Discussion about promoting Give More 24 (September 22)

- **VP of Technology: Amy Christensen**
  - Amy will start selling tickets and will announce their availability at Monday's rehearsal

- **VP of Marketing: Mike Nettleton**
  - Reports that press releases are ready to go out

- **President: Rachelle Matheson:**
  - Rachelle introduced and explained the idea behind hiring a half-time Executive Director for the Choir.
    - To meet the grant deadline, a grant was written to obtain funds for an Executive Director
    - Discussion regarding what an Executive Director's benefit would be for VMC
      - Many opinions were offered including, how to relieve Jana of too much of the work that can be done by board members and how to create satisfaction and continuity in the board of directors and prevent dissension or frustration that could lead to members resigning.
      - A motion was made to approve the application and continue with the process.
      - Motion was seconded and passed.

- Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm