VMC May 3, 2022 Board Meeting

Final Draft

I. **Called to Order: 7:05 pm**

II. **Board Members Present via Zoom:**

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

III. **Other Attendees**

1. Russ Freeland
2. Susan Pautz

IV. **Board Members Absent**

- **Reports**
  - **Secretary's Report: Laura Brody**
    - Motion to approve minutes. Seconded and approved.
  - **Treasurer's Report: Dennis Haberkamp**
    - Explanation of expenses and income in April
      - There is already $350 in concert ticket sales!
      - Still waiting for the funds from the grant, but, it is coming
    - Motion to approve the Treasurers budget report. Seconded and passed
  - **Old Business**
    - Scholarship
      - Committee met and reviewed auditions and chose a recipient: Eva Daltoso, a Junior at Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

- She will sing a number at the May concert after the intermission
- Question: As a Junior, can she reapply next year?
- Answer: Yes
- There may have been more applicants if more teachers had heard about the scholarship.

• Current First Presbyterian Covid Protocols
- Capacity: 300 tickets allowed to be sold
- Information
- Masks and vaccinations still required for all
  • soloists will be exempt from masks

- **New Business**

• First Presbyterian Rental Contract:
- It was decided that we cannot hold dates past 6 months ahead.
- Per our current contract, we have right of first refusal for dates
- Hopefully, there will be a chance for a board member to discuss with the church our ability to schedule our Christmas and 2023 concerts
- When we renegotiate our contract, we need to firm up a hold on dates for future concerts
- VMC needs to stick to this first right of refusal in the next contract.
- Tom suggests waiting until Josh returns for the negotiations
- Jana called Skyview regarding their requirements for venues. We need to be open to find a new venue.
- The December concert is not reserved at this time.

• **<u>Action Item</u>: Dan and Dennis can speak to Margaret and related others about this issue. They will schedule an in person meeting and can Jana write out a bullet point list for the meeting**

• General Meeting Details
- Still doing a potluck dinner in Doran Hall
- VMC supplies chicken, coffee, beverages, forks, etc… for the potluck
- Remember to publicly appreciate our volunteers at meeting
- Teresa will send out an email to the general membership announcing the slate of officers, date and potluck
- Tenors will be reminded about the “just for fun” tone of the entertainment

- Dan talked to Lorraine about the time required for the 4 hours allotted for the General Meeting: 5-9 pm
- We need to get a head count if possible.
- If Covid is a problem, we can have the meeting without food and participants can keep their masks on.
- Is there a hospitality committee to set up/clean up?

- **Action Item: Jana will talk to Darcy about sound equipment**

- **Reports**
  - **Director: Jana**
    - We need to do an email to all members with a schedule to ask for their plans on attendance in the coming season
  - **VP of Membership:** Teresa
    - All topics have been discussed
  - **Treasurer**
    - If you have anything that needs to get to Dennis for the General Meeting Treasurer's Report, please get these to him.
    - Final report needs to be written for the grant funding by the end of the month.
  - **VP of Business: Dan**
    - Dennis and Dan have composed and mailed out letters to local legislators regarding the importance and value of arts in our district.
    - Jana is asking the Mayor to be a narrator for one of the pieces at the December concert
  - **VP Technology: Amy Christensen**
    - 27 Tickets sold online which is indicative of lots of people buying tickets at the door
    - There's really no incentive to get tickets early
- **<u>Action Item:</u> Ask Joe Chopp if he can audio record the next concert**
  - Discussion about whether or not we should have the concert recorded. What should be done with the recording.
  - Motion made and seconded and passed to ask Joe Chopp whether he can record the concert
  - **Secretary: Laura**
    - No info or comments
  - **VP Concerts: Tom Nadal**

    - Carnegie Hall: Wants to thank everyone for participating and those who helped organize the trip.
- For upcoming concert help is needed for the front of the house duties.
- Will we be selling snacks? No
- **President: Rachelle**
    - Thanks, Laura for being an amazing secretary.
        - Laura: How sweet. Thank you

Question: Should we continue Jana's honorarium $3,500

Motion to continue honorarium. Seconded and passed

- **Next Board Meeting: TBD**
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm**