Summary of discussions **VMC Board Meeting** **11/8/22**

Called to order 6:47pm
Attending: Jana, Dennis, Dan, Min, Tom, Susan, Katherine
Cara and Jaz via Zoom

Dennis Haberkamp, Treasurer, submitted October report showing a positive cash flow for October: 87% from single and season tickets (well over expectations for sale of season tickets) and 13% from dues payments and expectations. Both grants (Cowlitz Tribal Foundation grant of $80,000 and ArtsWA foundation grant of $13,165 will be maintained in our Credit Union Savings account in separate partitions and portions moved into checking account as needed. VMC board members will begin planning for new grant funds.

The Columbian ad has been paid and should cover advertisement for Christmas concert as well.

Jana Hart, Artistic Director handed out bids for new risers ranging from 28-36K for max 100 people, which will be easier to set up and lighter weight. More information and real-choir recommendations will be pursued by **Dennis, Dan** and other board members towards mid-end of December with intent to purchase before end of this choir season. Discussion with Timmi from Cowlitz Tribal Foundation may be needed to determine if the risers fit into grant parameters. This purchase is favored by the board. Old risers will not be able to be resold due to liability but will be donated "as is."

Jana said 3 choir members (possibly 5) will be meeting after Saturday's jump start to begin international tour discussion (Costa Rica, Spain, Ireland are 3 possibilities) for 2024 tours. Polling the choir with ranked choice survey should be incorporated.

Youth Scholarship letter has been well received by some of her music co-horts . **Katherine** needs to get website updated with correct links and information.

Christmas ticket prices will include $5 student (any) price although **Jaz** says they still need to be purchased at the door at this point. **Dennis** said that we can find how many $5 tickets via PayPal app and will keep track of number since grant will cover the remaining balance of regular ticket price.

The harpsichord will need moving from **Jana's** house by five people to center of the church with professional tunings done before and after moving.

Dan Warner, Business VP, will meet with Margaret at First Presbyterian Church soon to review our contract and previous agreements with Pastor Josh as well as to reiterate the need for harpsichord NOT to be moved from it's place.

Min Kuang, Marketing VP is putting together a collage of interviews from the concert. Also Timeline for getting info to Diane is very short for 11/9 timeline and will wait until Saturday to get an updated list for the program. Heavy card stock postcards of the Christmas concert will be in place of any 'posters. *(They are beautiful in my opinion :-)*

Tom Paulu, Media Promo, reviewed placement of concert promo articles in the Columbian, Clark County Live, Messenger and Reflector (no luck there). New article will publish in the Columbian at end of November for upcoming concert. The promotion for our Phantom concert helped us to pack the house on Sunday and nearly fill it on Saturday.

Jaz Bielby, Technology VP, discussed need for purchasing an iPad for ticket payments at the door where signatures are done on the iPad. It was agreed by the board members to have **Jaz** & others immediately pursue this purchase.

Cara Hernandez, Concerts VP, reported that the front foyer ticket sales went smoothly with help of high school students and will be pursuing a front house manager but her husband will fulfill that role for next concert plus train anyone who is interested. She'll be sending out an email to choir soon. **Cara** is also helping to get correct choir names for the Christmas program.

Choir attire was discussed regarding new members needing tux's or black suits. Mary Wenger has some extra tuxedos available (not sure the size). Resale/goodwill is also a possibility.

Katherine Nitsch, President, needs to get the website updated with new link for sending applications and update the Main Page info for 2023 competition. Lastly, the application needs to be ready when application process begins Jan 2.

Other new business discussed included a member suggesting having a potluck. The board discussed that the spring meeting could be the potluck rather than adding one before then. Coffee and light faire will be contributed by choir members at our JumpStart on Nov 12.

Discussion ensued about the Murdoch Trust grant. **Min** reports that VMC resources and size are likely not a candidate for us to be considered for that Trust .

We agreed that **no meeting was needed December 13** as planned earlier. Other dates in common were not available so we will meet on **January 10th.** Katherine's or Jana's house is fine

We. missed you, **Kristin**, and hope that this summary will suffice for a run-down of information discussed last night.

LAST MINUTE IDEA from AMY C. is to have a family friendly karaoke night (Month?). Amy can rent the Salmon Creek Grange although Jana suggested Doran Hall. **Thanks Amy!**

Respectfully submitted
Katherine Nitsch, Prez