Vancouver Master Chorale

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2025

Members present: Robin, Sonya, Dennis, Tom, Valerie, Susan, Philip, Geri. Bai via Zoom.

Members absent: Megan

Director present: Philip Denton

Guests present: Cherie

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

Agenda -

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved.

Minutes -

A motion was made by Robin and seconded to approve the (previous) meeting minutes as presented or amended. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report –

A motion was made and seconded to approve the (previous) Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was approved.

Director's Report -

Jordan Nylander is the new accompanist but he hasn't signed a contract yet.

Discussion of comp ticket policy. There will be a new policy next year. The orchestra will be notified of changes.

Discussion of upgrading orchestra pay starting next season, possibly to $125 per service.

It was decided that VMC needs to develop a relationship with Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

Director will be holding auditions next week.

Other Committee Reports

Membership – Susan

Some members not singing in any given concert cycle have asked to sit in on rehearsals in order to learn or keep up skills.

It was discussed that we will not have ringers or paid section leaders.

There will be reminders to members still owing dues or commitment forms.

Marketing - Tom

It was noted that having programs to accompany the concerts is helpful to the audience and that the virtual program offered for December's concert seems to have been popular.

The timeline for program production and delivery was discussed. The goal is that programs arrive one week before the concerts.

Discussion about redefining committee names and tasks and updating position descriptions.

Technology – Bai

Music and parts for Hayden are on website as of Jan 12.. The youth scholarship interactive

Form was redesigned and is live. Web pages regarding the youth scholarship are almost finished and will be live within the next couple of days.

Business – Dennis

Extension for 990EZ was filed

Church reserved for Dec. 6 & 7, 2025

Cherie introduced. Discussion of foundations and grant sources. Board members will pursue one endowment for the youth scholarship and one for the Director.

Dennis agreed he would complete moving documents to Google Drive.

Concerts – Valerie

It was agreed that more front house volunteers are needed. Discussion regarding how to recruit people.

A special page for volunteers plus a signup form will be put on the website.

Concert security budget is good for May concerts.

Online-purchased ticket holders will need to pull up their online tickets prior to entering the Church due to poor cellular service inside or print out their tickets. Possibility of using hand stamps for audience members who don't have printed tickets that paid cash.

Old Business

Board members will read bylaws, check their positions' duties and submit comments by Feb. 11 meeting for votes. Duties will be rewritten by mid-March.

New Business

Need to review *Robert's Rules* and determine which guidelines are most important.

Action Items

The (current) action items were reviewed and are either complete or in progress. The (next) action items were reviewed, and the responsible Board member(s) are aware of the items.

Good of the Order [Kudos]

Announcements

Next BOD meeting is Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by and seconded by . The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.