

## MOHA Board Meeting – March 11, 2021

Location: Zoom call.

### Attending:

Vic Duca Cora	Mary Butler	
Rosemary Duca Cora	Kurt Jaeger	Sabine Creamer
Muriel Evans-Buck	Reggie Ott	Lisa Wysocki

The meeting was called to order at 7:03.

The minutes for February were approved as amended.

### Action Items for this Month

Muriel and Kurt will research funding opportunities under the new stimulus package. They will also look out for the SBA loan.

Sabine will look for a person in the choir who can help Bill Forster with graphics.

Kurt to do a write-up of the popcorn campaign and present it at rehearsal on March 23.

Kurt will send Muriel a picture of the choir for the popcorn website. (done)

Vic and Rosemary will invite Eddie Atkins to the next meeting to answer our questions about a potential partnership with Gen-out.

Rosemary will check the By-Laws for any rules that would keep the Board from meeting virtually.

Sabine will proceed to develop a contract with Jim Robson to help with the audio for virtual recordings.

Vic and/or Rosemary will talk to before about Summer plans for MOHA.

## Report on Action Items from February

Kurt sent a letter to Alan Caesar approving changing his status from MOHA employee to contractor. (Done).

Kurt wrote a paragraph summarizing our financial status with the members. (Done)

Kurt wrote a statement of what the popcorn fundraiser will require of the members and delivered it at rehearsal. (In process.)

Sabine is in contact with Bill Braband at UUCF about dates for re-opening UUCF.

## Treasurer (Kurt Jaeger)

We are losing money. Reserves are good. We have enough to keep going.

SBA Loan As long as we spend 60% of the loan on payroll, we will get loan forgiveness. Kurt submitted an application to Sun Trust. Sent in required forms to document payroll and payroll reports. The loan is for \$12,290.

We are not allowed to apply for a second wave of funding under the new stimulus plan. We're not eligible until we use the first loan.

David is salaried and has no official leave. He doesn't work regular hours. We are carrying on with salaries. If there were a special need, we would give him more. David wouldn't want it any other way. David's salary would go on even if we needed to bring someone else to replace him for some reason.

## Promotions (Bill Forster)

Bill showed us an example of what he would like to post on social media as reflecting the choir's ongoing efforts. He pointed out that he received help from another member in producing this example but that he does not have the skill to replicate it for other songs. He asked for help. After members of the Board noted their approval of the example, Sabine offered to provide the help Bill was requesting for future postings.

## Fundraising (Reggie Ott)

Nothing to report.

Facebook fundraiser cycles donations through Network for Good. You can register with NFG. Money comes into NFG who cuts a check to us for donations. It may take up to 12 weeks for the check to arrive. Muriel points out that NFG will take out their cut and their fees are very high. Too much money for small donations.

Restaurant fund raiser late April or early May. Luciano's was suggested

### Membership (Lisa Wysocki)

Lisa has been reaching out to people, telling them that even if you are not coming back right now, join us at 7pm for the chat part of rehearsal. Several people have done this.

### Development (Muriel Evans-Buck)

Muriel is working with Kurt on the SBA loan.

Working on Fairfax Arts Council Grants. Trying to do one submit so that we can re-submit.

[Muriel, can you clarify this?]

### The Popcorn Campaign

We need to reach out to everyone you know and tell them we are selling popcorn for Mosaic Harmony. If you don't want to order the popcorn, there is a block for you to donate. We only have four days. We can only do it in the US.

Kurt will do the write-up this weekend. He will take the popcorn people's recommendation and translate it to us. At the next rehearsal, he will present what you need to do. Add a picture of the choir. Muriel wants a picture of the actual choir for the popcorn website..

Muriel, Kurt and Reggie will meet to finalize the plan. Next rehearsal, first half hour we will present this in the first half hour. The campaign will begin on March 29.

If someone doesn't want sell popcorn, submit a list with emails of your families and friends.

Sabine and Laura both have a list of former members.

Rosemary will talk to David about his contacts in the US.

We will do it once in April and again right before the holidays.

### President, Vice President Report (Vic Duca Cora, Rosemary Duca Cora)

We discussed exploring a potential partnership with the GenOUT Youth Chorus. This is a project of the MOHA's Strategic Action Group. We have had several meetings with the SAG so far. The SAG plans to reach out to other organizations. It is a LGBTQ. In our meeting with the SAG One of the former members – Eddie Atkins – has volunteered to reach out to the Gen Out.

They are a service project of the Gay Men's Chorus. Setting up this youth choir is their project. We would. Shouldn't our outreach be partly to the Gay Men's Chorus.

Eddie wants to get the youth and older communities to hone the diversity notion. The director of the Youth Group will probably contact the director of the GMC.

We are not ready to decide whether to participate in this. We will invite Eddie Atkins to the next Board meeting to answer our questions.

These virtual Board Meetings should continue. Maybe get together at the Annual Meeting and again in January. The Annual Meeting too should be face to face. Most people like the idea.

The Board agreed on this. Rosemary will check the By-Laws.

Board vacancies – Five coming up. We must form a Nominating Committee. Mary volunteered to help. Kurt will run again for Treasurer. President, vice-President, promotions and fundraiser. We should all think about people.

Peace, Love and Joy. David has his hands full right now. He needs help in the production of the videos. Sabine has done extensive research. David is supportive of what we are doing.

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Jim Robson is a very good candidate. Recommended by Arts Fairfax. He is available. Sabine left him a message to contact her.

He is very flexible. \$60/hour but he will help only with the audio. For a 5-minute song, about 8 hours of work, \$480 in all. This estimate was for the *Peace, Love and Joy* video only project which we had originally requested in December. At the March 11 meeting, the board decided to hire Jim R. productions for the audio only project, because that is what David needs help with at this time. It is a smaller project (approx. 3-4 hours of work) than video and would cost less than \$ 480. If we need help with the video AND audio mixing later on it would cost us more than \$ 480. We will negotiated this with Jim Robson.

We need to be clear about the scope of his work. He will produce only the audio.

The Board agreed that Sabine will proceed to develop a contract with Jim.

Lisa proposed a question about Summer and whether we should take it off.

How do we survey the choir re COVID? Who is getting shots and how do they feel about getting together? We will all think about it.

We will discuss this at the next meeting.

The next meeting is on April 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22