

Addendum 7/13/21:

Minutes of additional meeting for members of the Board to followup from Board meeting of 7/8/21.

In attendance (virtual): Mary Butler, Kurt Jaeger, Lisa Wysocki, Reggie Ott, Bill Foster; incoming board members, Sue Price and Teresa McConnel; David North, Darren McFate, Sabine Creamer, Muriel Evans-Buck.

David and Darren wanted to meet to discuss next season from the perspective of the 'musical directors.' Currently, UUCF's policy is that no groups will be meeting inside the building until further notice. We are allowed to meet outside (with the use of the restroom in the Program Building). They discussed the difficulties and challenges of singing rehearsals with our voices outdoors, adding on social distancing, weather and darkness, musicians setup, etc. In order to have success musically, the directors think that we need to rehearse indoors (or virtually if indoors is not possible). They proposed exploring other possibilities for indoor venues. Darren will check with a friend of his who has worked for Fairfax County schools and as a director of a local chorale. We will explore other places as well.

David stated that the latest CDC recommendation is that choirs can rehearse indoors safely if members are vaccinated. Unvaccinated could possibly bring a negative covid test verification, or could participate virtually.

Kurt re-capped this discussion saying that it made good sense to: remain virtual if inside is not possible; if inside, members who are vaccinated could sing in person; members who cannot be vaccinated could sing in person with a negative covid test verification, or continue to participate virtually; Facebook Live would be a good choice for the rehearsal to also continue virtually as well. Discussion followed, including a suggestion by Sue that if an inside venue space was found that was expensive, we could possibly rehearse there once a month, with the other rehearsal being entirely virtual. Kurt added that our past fee for the use of UUCF is only \$75 per rehearsal which is very inexpensive.

Eventually, a motion was made, seconded and approved by Board vote to have the rehearsals remain virtual unless an inside venue was found.

There was further discussion about the first rehearsal/meeting of the choir for the new season, on Sept. 7. David proposed an outside meeting (at UUCF) for starting the season, for informational purposes. We would be seated socially distanced (3-6 ft), talk about the season,

and receive a music folder of what we will be working on this season. We would not be singing at this rehearsal. A motion was made, seconded and approved by Board vote to meet on Sept. 7 outside of UUCF for this informational meeting. Members who are unable to be vaccinated and/or at higher risk would be encouraged to wear a mask.

There was also discussion of whether to add the SAG presentation regarding the partnership with GenOut to the Sept. 7 informational meeting, or to have it separately and virtually on Sept. 14 or at another time early in the season. David said he would be able to bring equipment to use Eddie Adkins' powerpoint at the Sept. 7 meeting if it was decided to add the SAG prevention then. David said he would contact Eddy to get his input into this decision.

The question of who could sing at performances was discussed and it was decided that the host of the venue who invited us would need to tell us their criteria (re. vaccination, masks, etc.) and we would follow their request. For the Sept. 12 Unity Walk sponsored by the IFC, (which will be outside and socially distanced) Sabine will find out if they have any policy about this.

Another suggestion for a possible inside rehearsal venue was the Unity community (Hunter Mill Rd.). Sabine offered to check into this for us.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15.

(Minutes taken by Teresa McConnel)