

MOSAIC HARMONY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021, 7:00pm

Attending (virtual): Mary Butler, Sue Price, Kurt Jaeger, Teresa McConnel, Lisa Wysocki; David North, Sabine Creamer, Muriel Evans-Buck.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

The Minutes for both the 7/8/21 and the 7/13/21 meetings were approved as revised.

Director of Development Report:

Muriel sent a donation request email (Summer Appeal) out to approximately 4890 people and to the nonmembers who donated last holiday campaign. 95 people who had asked to be deleted from this list were deleted. Muriel requested anyone who has lists/personal names for her to submit, to please send to her.

Sylvia Johnson, President and CEO of J-I Solutions, whom we featured in the Newsletter as our new corporate partner, has earmarked \$5000 for MoHa for our end of year appeal.

Grants applied for: Pivot Fairfax grant request was made for \$10,000; Arts Forward Fund, The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation; Arts-ignite Recovery Grant.

Grants Scheduled: GKV Charitable Foundation, Oct. 1; NEA (National Endowment for the Arts)

Future appeals will be: Giving Tuesday Nov.30; possible Double Good Popcorn pre-holiday sale; Holiday Appeal, Dec. 10.

Kurt stated that he had been getting some PayPal donations and wondered if they had been coming in after Muriel's email request. Also he stated that MoHa had received a check from the Fairfax Arts Council for \$700. He was not sure what this was for, since we had not yet been paid the balance of the last year's grant, which usually comes in July/August, and is much more than \$700.

*Muriel said that she would call the Fairfax Arts Council to find out what the \$700 is for. The new grant has not yet been submitted and she has gotten an extension for that until August 16.

*Kurt suggested that Muriel contact Dick Van Duizend who has submitted the previous grants to get his input.

Discussion of Action Items from 7/8/21 Board Meeting:

- Letter to the Choir updating about plans for the Fall. (Cannot be written until after our discussion at this meeting to finalize plans).
- Outreach to Members who have not been attending this year. Lisa is also waiting for our finalization of plans at this meeting. Sabine, Dennis, and Mary have offered to help with this.
- "About Us" information for the website. Sabine, Laura, Muriel, and David will continue working on this. Reggie did reach out to his daughter for possible assistance with Marketing, but the cost was prohibitive. The consensus was that among the materials we already have (old video, anniversary book materials, and the information that Bill Forster had given)

something could be put together. David wondered if the company that put together the old video might be able to shorten it/adjust it for use this time. Kurt had commented that Muriel did not think that organizations/companies want to watch a video. *Mary asked David to keep us informed with what is happening with this.

Discussion of Fall Schedule and Letter to Choir, including Covid policy:

It was restated from the last Board meeting, that the first meeting would be on Sept. 7 and it would be informational only. David said that Eddie's presentation about Gen-Out would be part of that meeting. Members would have to be vaccinated.

Sue reviewed the site visit at Antioch Church with Neil and explained the options for using the spaces. The best choice may be to use the downstairs space, which is one large room, with continual ventilation and two doors which can remain opened. The chairs can be arranged to socially distance; entrance is level with parking lots; 2 restrooms available; no charge to us; may use as long as we need to. The upstairs space could also be used for sectional practices if desired/ no one else will be using the building while we are there. Sue suggested we begin our meetings there, inside, with the first Sept. 7 informational meeting.

The Board realizes that whatever plan we decide is not 'risk-free' and is subject to change because of Delta, etc.

VOTE: The Board decided unanimously to accept Antioch's offer of their space for our meetings/rehearsals and to begin the season with the first meeting on Sept. 7 inside at Antioch. *It was later decided that Sabine would contact Neil about our acceptance of their offer, and would also let UUCF know that we would not be meeting there outside on Sept. 7.

Further discussion followed about meeting inside at Antioch.

VOTE: The Board decided unanimously that members who are fully vaccinated may come in person to any 'official gathering' of MoHa. It was also decided that masks would be required. (A discussion about 'singing masks' happened later in the meeting).

It was suggested that members be reminded not to come to practice if they are not feeling well. *A form (half sheet) will be developed that members can sign (on their honor) that they have been fully vaccinated. Lisa volunteered to do this. *A suggestion was made that all Board members should be available, especially at the Sept. 7 meeting, to help greet members and assist Lisa/Kurt as needed.

VOTE: The Board decided that, until further notice, MoHa meetings/rehearsals will be broadcast on Facebook Live so that those members who are not present can participate. *Kurt will ask Peggy to help with explaining to members how to join the MoHa Facebook Live group.

*Mary will draft a letter to the Choir about the first meeting at Antioch and about the Covid policy. She will send to Board members for feedback, then finalize and have Sabine send it out to the choir.

It was decided that there would be no different membership fee for those who can participate in person and those who will participate virtually.

Procedure for Voting through email:

Kurt suggested a process for Board voting through email if needed between monthly Board meetings. There can be discussion of the issue through email. When someone says, "I move that _____" then it could be seconded, and put to a vote. If anyone thinks more discussion is needed, or disagrees, they can vote "No."

It would be helpful to reiterate the motions that are passed through email at the next Board meeting to make sure all are aware of issues that have been voted on.

Since the last Board meeting, we have had three EMAIL VOTES:

- The approval of the partnership with GenOut and the proposed April 24, 2022 performance.
- The approval of the additional funds (+\$150) for music/binders.
- The approval of a bonus for Sabine.

Treasurer's Report:

VOTE: The 2021-2022 Budget (which Kurt had already sent out to us) was approved by the Board.

Singing Masks:

It was decided that Singing Masks would be used for all singing rehearsals/performances. David said that the preferred mask he would like the choir to use is from 'roomtosing.com' a private sew-ist whom Shana found out about. Sabine has already made a [SignUp Genius](#) page and many people have already signed up. She will send out a note to the choir about signing up with their preferred size by Aug. 31 (or earlier) in order for the masks to be ordered in time for the first singing rehearsal on 9/21.

* David will get the ordering information to Kurt, and Sabine will give the numbers/sizes. *Kurt will place the order and pay with MoHa funds. It was suggested that extra masks in different sizes also be ordered for other members who may need them in the future, or for new members who join this year. If members already have a black singing mask they will not need to order an additional one. A donation of \$25 per mask will be suggested.

Concert Coordinator Report:

Sabine had emailed us the 'Standing Operating Procedure for Coordination of all Mosaic Harmony Concerts and Events' which we all received.

Unity Walk: Sabine explained that the Unity Walk would end at the Gandhi statue across from the Indian Embassy. MoHa would be performing on the paved area around the statue and the audience would be on the grassy area. The Indian Embassy would provide the sound system, and folding chairs if we want them. The closing ceremony will be from 5:30-6:00 and MoHa singers should be there at 5:00. Parking is on the street or in the neighborhood. They are checking to see if we could use the restrooms at the Embassy. The Unity Walk coordinators COVID policy is that it is up to us if we wear masks while singing.

VOTE: It was decided that we will perform at the Unity Walk. David said that we would be doing 2 songs and that members would have to be vaccinated and wear masks. *David will check with the Unity coordinators to see if both the songs could be together at the beginning or at the end.

Trinity Racial Justice service: Sabine reminded us that the service has been moved from November to the spring, possibly May 15 or 22, 2022. *David will talk with Yvonne McIntyre about what specific songs we would be able to do.

VOTE: It was agreed that Sabine could negotiate the price of the Trinity event (\$1000-1200) for MoHa.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.