

MOSAIC HARMONY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

**Attending** (virtual): Marsha Gallagher, Kurt Jaeger, Teresa McConnel, Jan Callaway, Crystal Jefferson, Sallie Williams, David North (1st 1/2 hr) Sabine Creamer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The Minutes of the 2/9/23 Board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

Kurt had sent the financial reports to the Board via email. Kurt reported that our monthly finances were similar to the previous month. We did get the payment of \$1500 from MedStar for our concert there. Teresa asked about the \$400 expense for rentals and leadership. Kurt explained that \$100 of that amount was for a deposit to Unity for our June 17 concert; \$165 was to Lord of Life for the March 25 concert; and \$135 was for materials for Nikki's presentation to GenOut for her Leadership workshop.

**Membership Report:**

Jan reported that she had heard back from her contact person at NVCC and Jan had sent her a followup flyer. The contact person said she would post it at NVCC. Jan has not heard anything further back from her. Jan noted that two relatively new members had not returned to MoHa rehearsals or events.

**Programs and Administration Report:**

MARCH 25 CONCERT: \*Sabine said that she would do a site visit next Tuesday. She will be looking for volunteers to help with greeting people, giving directions, etc. at the front entrance. \*She will contact some of the Supporting members and those who usually volunteer to see who is available. Jim Price will bring the sandwich board sign, and \*Kurt will bring the square for any donations. There will be a donation box, and \*Kurt will also bring copies of the flyers that have the QR code on them, to post around the church. \*Sabine will make and bring a QR sign. \*David said that he will make an announcement about giving donations for MoHa during the concert. Sallie said that her husband might be able to video record the concert, or perhaps take still photos. Sue Price had asked if she could bring CDs to give away at the concert, and the Board agreed with this. Sallie said that we will need to give out the ArtsFairfax survey forms to audience members to fill out. \*Sallie will print out the surveys and bring them with her.

COVID POLICY AND MASKING FOR THE CONCERT: The Board discussed a change in our COVID policy to allow masks to be optional for the March 25 concert.

**VOTE:** From this point forward, wearing masks is optional for Mosaic Harmony choir members for rehearsals and events. An unvaccinated member must have a negative COVID test within 24 hours of the rehearsal or event.

30th ANNIVERSARY: In response to the question of whether this June's concert is the 30th anniversary concert for the choir, David said that it would be the next season's (2023-2024) Spring concert. He said we would need to form a committee to plan for that.

JUNE 17 CONCERT: Sabine reminded the Board that she will be on vacation from April 16 - May 9, so she is hoping to get most of the planning for the June concert done before she goes away. She said that last year Sue Price did a lot behind the scenes helping to prepare for last year's concert, and that this year Sabine will need a lot of assistance. Sabine will be in charge, and \*Crystal volunteered to assist her and be the point person, and Sabine will forward her emails to Crystal while Sabine is on vacation. \*Sabine will be reaching out Laura about the program, etc. and will ask choir members for help as well. \*Crystal will also be asking for volunteers for various jobs.

The Board decided that we would decide later about whether there will be a 50/50 Raffle. Also the question of whether to have food and water available (with donations for that accepted) depends on whether we will have an intermission at this concert or not. If there is an intermission, we would need to find volunteers to help with food/water, and the Raffle. Sabine asked the Board members to look through her June 17 Concert Worksheet and to please get back to her with comments, etc.

URANTIA CONCERT IN 2024: Sabine had sent us emails from Stevie Shaefer related to her request for Mosaic Harmony to sing at a conference for the Urantia Association for next March 2024 near Baltimore. Stevie said they are on a tight budget and asked if we could give her a possible price for a 4-5 song concert. The Board discussed the challenges of this possible gig due to the far distance and the fact that the date would be on Good Friday night next year. There were concerns about whether our musicians and some of our choir members who attend church services would be able to make this commitment. The consensus of the Board was that this event would not be feasible.

### **Grants Report:**

ARTS FAIRFAX TICKET SUBSIDY GRANT: Sallie had followed up with ArtsFairfax related to the Ticket Subsidy Grant, and they said it had gotten sent to someone else in the county, so Sallie had to re-send. She said that the County person was apologetic and said they would begin to look at the grant application. They will try to identify underserved groups who might benefit from receiving tickets to our June concert. If they cannot find groups, we would need to come up with an underserved population. Marsha said that her Lord of Life contact person had suggested the Lamb Center for the homeless. Teresa mentioned that she had friends who were volunteers there, and she was unsure about the homeless clients and the concert. Sallie said that if she doesn't hear back from the County in two weeks, she thinks we should investigate Rev. Russ' suggestions about Sunrise, and the Turkish group.

Sallie attended a Zoom feedback session where ten applications were reviewed by the ArtsFairfax people. She said they were very complimentary about our application and particularly liked our outreach to the youth group (GenOut). They want to know about our short and long term goals.

ARTS FAIRFAX OPERATIONAL GRANT: Sallie attended another meeting related to grants for operational expenses of an organization. She said that this year we could request up to 25% of our expenses. She will submit this application in April.

### **Old Business:**

SEARCH COMMITTEE: Marsha reported that they had received 5 applications, and that 2 or 3 looked possible. Kurt said they would have another Committee meeting soon.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Sallie said that she would like some video clips of our concerts to go with the ArtsFairfax grants and that her husband would be willing to do some video recording. \*Kurt said we should also reach out to Unity church to see if they can do audio recording for us at the June concert, and if so, if there is a cost.

**New Business:**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A Nominating Committee needs to be formed to get a list of candidates for next season's Board. Since Teresa and Kurt are finishing their two year terms and will be going off the Board, they will be the Board members on the Committee and will find one or two choir members to also be a part of this Committee. \*Marsha said she would get in touch with Mary to clarify that she would not be asked to continue on the Board for the next season due to her continuing recovery. Marsha also said that she herself would probably step down from the Board for the next season. Crystal said that she is also considering stepping down. Sallie and Jan said they would continue on the Board for their second year. We needed all this information to determine how many candidates we would be looking for for next season's Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

BOARD DECISION VIA EMAIL AFTER 3/9/23 BOARD MEETING

On April 5 Crystal let the Board know that she was having a planning meeting with Kim Moss about the June concert and that Kim had already made an ad application form for soliciting ads for the program. The Board discussed the difficulties of soliciting ads for past programs and not wanting to put pressure on choir individuals or sections to provide ads. The Board decided to go ahead with the ad program if Kim was willing to be in charge of it, and if it was presented to the choir as a voluntary endeavor.