

Minutes

Mosaic Harmony Board Meeting

September 9, 2025

Attending (via Zoom): Jim Price, Barbara Ott, Kurt Jaeger, Teri Bertsch, Beverly Cosham, Amy Havaich, Laura Weiss, David North. David North joined about 10 minutes late from his vacation.

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jim Price moved to approve the minutes as presented prior to the meeting. Amy Havaich seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

RESTON MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

The festival coordinator has requested our requirements for the concert. Laura asked if we had a requirements document already prepared. No one knew where such a document might be and Laura has not been able to find one. Laura said that she would prepare such a document and make sure we made it available to everyone. When David arrived, he said that he was sure Sabine had a document like that. He and Laura can reach out to her to see if she can provide it.

We will tell them that we have 20 people and that 6 of them need to have chairs. Arrival time is set for 4:00 pm. Dress code will be the same as for the IFC Unity walk, black pants/skirt and a solid color shirt. Jim said he would update Signup Genius accordingly. Beverly will make sure David has all the questions that need to be answered.

DO TELL MAMA

Barbara announced the date at our rehearsal on September 2. We had to move the event to Sunday, November 16th because the two Saturday's we wanted were both booked. The reservation is from 12:00 to 5:00. Tentative schedule will be:

12:00 - 1:00	Setup
1:00 - 2:30	Shared Meal
2:30 - 4:00	Performances
4:00 - 5:00	Cleanup

Beverly noted that we will need to obtain a 1-day liquor license if we want to serve wine or beer. Jim said he could take care of that as he has done it before. Barbara will talk to Laura Romstedt about arranging for Cindy Atkins to play piano for us. There will be no need for us to set up tables and chairs, the community center staff will take care of that, but we will need to coordinate table clothes, utensils, food etc. We can put all of that into the Signup Genius event. Jim will adapt something from the one we created last year for us to review.

Kurt will start putting the information into Choir Notes, so everyone is aware of what is happening. Barbara will start asking for volunteers to help with setup and coordination.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As of meeting time we have 12 paid members.

Teri would like to do something like a welcome gift for new members. Amy has the neat lanyards we can hand out. She also has musical type molds for candy. We can hand out lanyards and candy. She and Teri will coordinate this for the next rehearsal.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW FROM LAST MEETING

1. Kurt will send reminders for the first rehearsal - Done
2. David will identify the section leaders for the upcoming season – This is done. Jim will make sure the web site is updated.
3. Amy and Hey-Jin will work on a section leader workshop – In progress
4. Amy and Teri will discuss welcome gifts for new members – Done
5. Teri will bring membership cards to all rehearsals and concerts - Done
6. David will send out set lists for the first two performances - Done
7. Jim will contact Peggy to post the Signup Genius links on the website - Done
8. Beverly will see about reserve space for Do Tell Mama at the community center - Done
9. Beverly will begin attending the Monday planning meetings with Laura and David - Done
10. Hey-Jin will contact Amaris about continuing social media outreach - Done
11. Kurt will set up sessions with Amy and Beverly to talk about google accounts. – Not done. We plan to meet before the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura has lots of news to report. She has spoken to Holy Cross, Medstar, and Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute (NVMHI). The hospitals are expecting to do more standard MLK concerts this year since there will not be inauguration festivities to contend with. NVMHI is also interested in doing a concert.

The creative team discussed what we want to do in the spring concert and how to align our members with the choir's vision. A lot of people don't know our origin story as an intentionally collaborative gospel choir. So the idea is to be more intentional about trying to convey that vision during rehearsals throughout the season, perhaps with specific activities, or small group discussions. After some discussion the board agreed that this was a good idea and that the September 30 rehearsal would be a good time to start.

Laura noted that the team thought Nikki would be a great resource to help with this plan. She suggested that the Monday group of David, Laura and Beverly could meet with Nikki and get ideas for how to proceed. Laura will coordinate.

Amy offered a suggestion from Laura Romstedt that we could coordinate with a group in Vienna called Rustic Love that makes heart signs to raise money for food to help families in the area. Laura Weiss noted that the Vienna group is a good group of people to have a relationship with because they are very influential and active. Maybe we can volunteer with them, hand out cards, talk about our mission. Amy will talk with Laura Romstedt and follow up.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 7:41.

The next board meeting will be on October 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm. via Zoom.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Beverly will contact David and make sure we answer all questions about the concert on September 20.
2. Laura will prepare a standard technical rider document with our concert requirements.
3. Jim will update Signup Genius with details for the September 20 concert.
4. Jim will prepare a new Signup Genius for Do Tell Mama
5. Jim will make sure the web site is updated with the new section leaders and board members where necessary.
6. Kurt will meet with Amy and Beverly prior to the next board meeting on October 7.
7. Amy and Hey-Jin will plan for section leader workshops
8. Teri will coordinate with Amy on new member drive welcome gifts
9. Barbara will reach out to recruit volunteers for Do Tell Mama
10. Barbara will talk to Laura Romstedt about having Cindy play for DTM.
11. Laura Weiss will coordinate with Nikki about member awareness activities.
12. Amy will contact Laura R. about working with the Vienna food assistance group.
13. Kurt will include Do Tell Mama information in Choir Notes.