

Minutes

Mosaic Harmony Board Meeting
January 13, 2026

Attending (via Zoom): David North, Jim Price, Barbara Ott, Beverly Cosham, Hey-Jin Kong, Kurt Jaeger, Amy Havaich, Laura Weiss (until 7:15), Teri Bertsch

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm

The meeting started with a brief check-in and status update.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Hey-Jin moved to accept the minutes. Beverly seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

HOLY CROSS CONCERT

Laura reported that the Holy Cross concert seems to be all set but that the coordinator there is new and she is still working on the paperwork. Her supervisor has last year's contract and is helping. Laura will check with them about parking passes for the singers.

Christian has a conflict for the concert so David has asked Ralph Herndon to sing with us and he has agreed. Ralph's fee will be \$500. We also need a replacement for Allen since he is still recovering from his surgery. Laura will check with the drummer at UUCF to see if he is available.

COMMUNITY CONCERT

David has proposed a theme of building community through music. The idea is to reach out to other musical groups in our area to sing with us. He and Laura are talking to UUCF, Unity and the LDS church about doing a joint concert. We are also thinking about splitting the proceeds with a charitable organization, preferably one with outreach to the immigrant community. We can check with our members and people from the other organizations to see if they have contacts with such a group.

There was some discussion about using UUCF as the venue and whether a larger venue might offer more opportunity for a larger audience and income stream. Although this is possible it is too late at this point to arrange another space. This led to a question about our contract with UUCF and Jim stated that we have not had any contracts with them this year. Our relationship with them has simply been based on verbal good-faith agreements. He offered to reach out to Bill Braband at UUCF to confirm that everything is set with UUCF concerning concert arrangements.

The board decided on a time of 4:00 pm with a choir call at 3:00 pm. This has worked well in the past. There was considerable discussion about whether to sell tickets or take donations. It was noted that we often do better with donations but this needs to be balanced with a desire to control numbers. It was decided that we would offer a set number of tickets which would be free and then take donations at the door with a suggested amount. The exact amount was not determined.

FEBRUARY 3 REHEARSAL

UUCF is booked for a hypothermia event on the date of our February 3 rehearsal. David has already asked Laura about rehearsing at Antioch Church instead of UUCF on February 3 but has not heard back yet. We should hear from her tomorrow. If we Antioch is not available we will probably cancel since many folks are booked on alternate Tuesdays.

CHOIR SURVEY – SAG REPORT

SAG has really dug into our request to survey the membership and gauge how the choir members feel about our organization. There were a lot of suggestions from various SAG members including a question as to whether the choir still serves a purpose. There will be a meeting tomorrow with Nikki, Hey-Jin and Laura Romstedt to formulate survey questions based on the SAG discussion.

Teri mentioned that she has had many folks who expressed interest in the choir this year but then never showed up for rehearsal. We have had no new members this year. She is not sure why this is happening.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

1. Barbara Ott will send a thank you card to Janice Toney for her help with Do Tell Mama - done
2. David and Laura will continue to follow-up leads at Greenspring. Ongoing
3. Hey-Jin, Laura, and Amy will continue to work on the leadership workshop. - Ongoing
4. Kurt will provide SAG with our response to the priorities request. - Done
5. Laura Weiss will continue to work on a tech rider for the choir. – Ongoing

REHEARSAL FORMAT

Hey-Jin asked if it might be better to return to having a break for announcements in the middle of rehearsal instead of leaving them until the end. This is how we used to do it. There was quite a bit of discussion about various formats, but we concluded that we would leave things as they are for now.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be on February 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Laura will confirm the status of the Holy Cross concert.
2. Laura will see if Jonathan is available to play drums and determine his fee
3. Laura and David will reach out to the other organizations for the March 28 concert
4. Jim will confirm concert dates and arrangements with UUCF
5. David and Laura will continue to follow-up leads at Greenspring.
6. Hey-Jin, Laura, and Amy will continue to work on the leadership workshop.
7. Laura Weiss will continue to work on a tech rider for the choir.
8. David will check with Laura Romstedt about using Antioch for the Feb. 3 rehearsal