ARVADA CHORALE COMPANY

Attendee

 Linnette Mancuso

 Steve Frank

 Sylvie DeZutter

 Richard Deem

 Lisa Greim

 Dave Miller

 Jean Gordon

 Marla Wasson

Absentee Ken Namba

 February 8, 2016

 Board Minutes

1. Linnette called the meeting to Order at 5:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Steve Frank to approve the Agenda with no changes or additions. Lisa Greim seconded the motion. All in favor the motion was approved.

1. Secretary’s Report

A motion was made by Dave Miller to approve the minutes from the Boards previous meeting, motion was seconded Steve Frank. All in favor, the motion was approved.

1. Richard Deem presented the Treasurer’s Report and pointed out that Equity has dropped by $14,000. Trajectory is concerning so we need to be very mindful that ticket sales budgets are consistently not being met and expenses are too high in relation to reduced revenue. Income is being used in early months and expenses will continue to come so this warrants careful watch. Linnette Mancuso pointed out that we have two fundraisers left, Spectrum and Silent Auction which brought some relief but although budget expenses are close to projected income is not what it needs to be. This will continue to be discussed and steps made wherever possible to ease continuing in this direction.

Lisa Greim made a motion to accept the reports presented. Steve Frank seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

2016/2017 Budget – Linnette Mancuso, Marla Wasson and Jean Gordon went to meet with Arvada United Methodist Church (AUMC) and Simpson United Methodist Church (SUMC) to review space options. Both spaces are very similar in cost, space availability, etc. Concert space can be accommodated at AUMC for the scheduled concerts for $1500.00 per concert which includes Dress Rehearsal, both concert times and recording. MLK and Presidents day will need to be scheduled somewhere else or on Saturday instead since the Church is closed on those two Mondays. Neither space has room or is interested in the piano. We will draw up a contract to leave the piano at St. Andrew. They have agreed in exchange for using it for their services we can leave it there until we need it. At some point it may be decided to donate it to them but for now we can leave it there.

The question becomes where do we want to be? Budget discussion around guest artists and future budget projections, what is best for the Chorale. Advantages and disadvantages were weighed. Strong advantage to have rehearsal space where the concert will be give the Chorale a “Home”. Great relationships with SUMC, Trinity Presbyterian and St. Andrew will allow for an alternative space if needed when “Home” location is not available but a great partnership is already in full swing with AUMC.

Steve Frank made a motion that we secure contract with Arvada United Methodist Church for rehearsal space going forward. Motion was seconded by Marla Wasson. All in favor, motion passed.

Future concert times were discussed at length. The proposal was to consider the Concerts be held on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon instead of Friday evening and Saturday afternoon). Discussions with many pros and cons. Next year could be a test for that schedule since there is no way to measure without trying it. Motion made by Lisa Greim to accept Saturday night and Sunday afternoon Concert schedule, Richard Deem suggested as additional discussion that the Board bring this to the membership for their input prior to voting. Marla Wasson will bring this to the Chorale members and Board will vote by email. \*

The Chorale’s March concert is currently is slated to be a 40th Year Chorale Tribute Celebration. Could that generate enough excitement and how do we make it different and bring in audiences for that concert? What about a Cabaret style with food? Board discussed many ideas and Marla Wasson will reach out to chorale members for idea about what they would like to see. Steve Frank is working on a Grant and will slate the March Celebration as a “Concert”.

Income lines for next year’s budget are similar to last year. Hopefully we will get the CCI grant since we didn’t get it this past year which will help Revenues. Motion made by Steve Frank to approve the currently presented 2016/2017 budget, motion was seconded by Lisa Greim. All were in favor, Budget approved.

Artistic Director’s Report

Updates – Hiring an oboist for Chappell’s pieces.

1. Committee Reports

Fundraising

Oktoberfest-Garth has taken the lead on this fundraising event and looking for venues.

March Concert Fundraiser- Jean would like to have dessert in the fellowship hall. We need a bigger break in order for purchases to be picked up. Marla Wasson agreed she can make that work.

Marketing – meeting was held on Saturday. Lisa Greim will forward notes from that meeting.

1. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

\*Chorale members’ majority was in favor of the newly suggested Concert schedule.

Email vote from board members resulted in 8 in favor 1 opposed.