

**ORPHEUS MALE CHORUS OF PHOENIX
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
MAY 5, 2020
VIA CONFERENCING SOFTWARE (ZOOM)**

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**: The meeting was called to order by President Ira Rubins at 7:06pm.
2. **Attendance**: In attendance were 61 persons.
3. **Quorum**: It was established that a quorum was present.
4. **Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting minutes**: It was moved (Dave Kelly) and seconded (Judy Wagner) that the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting be approved without amendment. The motion carried.
5. **President's Opening Remarks**: President Ira Rubins laid down the ground rules for interacting with the Zoom session and briefly summarized the agenda for the meeting. He also shared some personal observations concerning the current restrictions imposed on us due to the pandemic. He also briefly hit upon the highlights of the past season and mentioned the challenges that lie ahead. Finally, he thanked various people for their service.
6. **Introduction – Board of Directors**: The present members of the Board of Directors were introduced and thanked.
7. **Virtual Choir**: Jon Lang updated the meeting on the status of our Virtual Choir project, saying that it was in the process of being edited.
8. **Election of Board Members and Officers (via Survey Monkey)**:
 - a. It was moved (Ira Rubins) and seconded (Skip Richards) that the Bylaws be suspended for the purpose of electing a President and declaring that the current Vice President shall continue to serve as a Member-at-Large from July 1, 2020 until the expiration of his term. Several questions were asked and answered. The motion carried.
 - b. The following candidates for the Board were presented:
 - i. For President:
 1. Frank McPeek
 2. No further nominations were received.

ii. For Vice President/President-Elect:

1. Vic Quiros
2. No further nominations were received.

iii. For Treasurer:

1. David Schwarz
2. No further nominations were received.

iv. For Members at Large (two positions):

1. Tim Blumentritt
2. Aaron Gracia
3. Doug McKenna
4. Zak Tenpenny
5. Bob Wenham
6. No further nominations were received.

- c. The following Non-Singing Board Members were presented for ratification to serve for an additional year: Makoto Matsumoto, Karen McNally, Judy Wagner.
- d. It was announced that voting would take place via Survey Monkey, to commence when the Annual Meeting is recessed and to continue through Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 9:00pm, at which time the Annual Meeting would be adjourned.
- e. It was also announced that election results would be communicated to the Membership via e-mail.

9. Treasurer Yearly Financial Report:

- a. Treasurer Dave Schwarz presented the Chorus' current cash and investment positions. He indicated that we can meet our obligations and "weather the storm" for awhile.

- b. Dave also announced that our PPP (Payroll Protection Program) application was approved in the amount of \$14,912.00, and outlined some of the allowed expenses that can be paid out of it.
- c. Finally, Dave took questions from the floor.

10. COVID-19 Impacts and Fall Season Plans: Ira Rubins reviewed some issues pertaining to the interruptions caused by the pandemic. He pointed out that some decisions may be made for us, e.g. our rehearsal or performance venues deciding not to open.

11. Artistic Director Comments:

- a. Brook Larson reviewed the Chorus' 91st season and plans for the 92nd season. He mentioned that plans for the new season are uncertain now but will become better known as time goes on.
- b. Brook also outlined highlights of the proposed 2020-2021 calendar.
- c. He congratulated and thanked those who contributed materially to the success of the Chorus' season.
- d. In closing, he gave his thoughts re virtual rehearsals and performances vs. live rehearsals and performances.

12. Operations Director Comments:

- a. Cyndee Chaffee summarized changes and improvements to existing policies and procedures: front of house, attendance policy, committees, venues, Boys to Men, 2022 tour.
- b. Cyndee also discussed what the Boys to Men Task Force has been planning for the upcoming season: full day, break-out educational workshops, food trucks, etc.
- c. She summarized what has been done to-date vis-à-vis the planned 2022 European tour – start saving now!
- d. Finally, she recognized and thanked all front-of-house volunteers.

13. Committees' Yearly Summaries: The chairs of the following committees summarized the accomplishments of their respective committees:

- a. Development
- b. Finance
- c. Marketing
- d. Membership
- e. Outreach
- f. Production
- g. Social

14. Member Comments: Member comments were received from the floor.

15. Closing Remarks: President Ira Rubins:

- a. Commented on the way in which the year had closed out;
- b. Invited everyone to attend (virtually) our upcoming Board meeting;
- c. Said what a pleasure it had been to work with such a supportive and hard-working Board;
- d. Shared with us that the way in which the Annual Meeting was being held reminded him of how fragile our existence in the world actually is, and how important our personal and emotional connections are to our well-being;
- e. Said that rehearsals and performances would be challenging, and encouraged us to stay focused and flexible;
- f. Thanked Orpheus for the opportunity to serve as President, saying that he was truly humbled to have worked with so many dedicated and committed volunteers.

16. Recess for Voting: The meeting recessed at 8:52pm so that voting for Board positions could take place. The link to the Survey Monkey ballot was given via e-mail. The election results will be attached to these minutes as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference.

17. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Arenó, Secretary

APPENDIX A
ELECTION RESULTS
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A total of 65 votes were cast. No ballots were flagged as void.

The results:

- For President: Frank McPeek
- For Vice President/President-Elect: Vic Quiros
- For Treasurer: David Schwarz
- For Members-at-Large: Zak Tenpenny, Doug McKenna
- Makoto Matsumoto, Karen McNally and Judy Wagner were all ratified to continue serving as Non-Singing Board Members

I hereby certify that the above results are accurate and official.

Alex Arenó
Secretary