**L A Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**

June 1, 2020

Attendees: Jane Goodrich, Chair, JB Bjelland, VC Admin/Chair Elect, Jane Anne Hill, VC Community, Jo Damhof, VC Finance, Marcia Hillstad Seguin, Membership/Marketing, Caryn Katzung, Secretary, Taylor McMillan(via Zoom)/Kathy Shockency, Treasurer, Patty Murphy, JLM Liaison, Colleen Nelson, Member at Large, Gayle Kohlbry, Member at Large

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 in Jane’s outdoor garden, seated six feet apart for correct social distance. Jane referred to our upcoming “year of possibilities”, as we discern how and if, we will be able to move ahead with our mission of bringing music to our traditional venues

Actions prior to this meeting: Jane Goodrich circulated an agenda and update by email. She shared information about the following topics:

**The Covid 19 Task Force**: Including Walter, JB, Marcia Hillstad, Patty Murphy, Teri Crelly and Jane Goodrich. The task force has looked at the logistics of singing by choral groups during the Covid 19 pandemic. Information was shared concerning choral groups and the spread of Covid 19. At this time it is not clear if we will be able to continue our mission. Currently, all known choral groups have cancelled their schedules.

**Colonial Church:** At this time, the church is unsure about their opening date. They are also deciding about making space available for outside groups, as well as sanitizing the space after Sunday services, for a Monday rehearsal. We may consider a later start time in the fall, perhaps in October.

**Auditions:** Auditions have been postponed indefinitely, due to the continued concern about the pandemic. Sandy Reichert has been in contact with our potential recruits. Jane Nelson, as the 2020 chair for New Members, has sent personal greetings to each of the seven women, saying they would receive a call when auditions can be rescheduled.

**LOA’s:** Jeans Buckner, Deb Connor and Linda Staloch all intend to return in the fall. Leaves of Absence include Cat Stevens, Joanna Paetznick, and Susan Campbell. August is usually the final date to return from a Leave. However, it was agreed (no formal vote was taken) by unanimous assent, that the LOA’s will be extended for the coming year.

**Budget:** Taylorwas able to join us by Zoom. The budget discussion was wide ranging. She said all monies for next year are in place. The books are closed. Discussions continue on how budgeting is handled. The checkbook question will be resolved soon. The JLM Treasurer will be sending her report.

**Hodder Grant**: Our Patriot Support Project for the Hodder Grant is paid for this year. It is named the **Believe It** project, which trains service dogs for disabled veterans. Hodder Grant funds not spent will roll over to the next year, and do not go toward salaries. Jeans Buckner has submitted a grant request to the Minneapolis Foundation.

**Spirit Fund**: Tabled and on hold at this time. Several suggestions were made regarding ways to maintain contact with our venues.

**JLM Liaison:** Patty Murphywill connect with Theresa McCormick on June 15th for an update. They will also discuss insurance coverage. Theresa mentioned that the 2020-21 LeagueAire budget was approved at the May JLM board meeting**.**

**Discussion:** Jane Goodrich proposed a vote to pay salaries to Walter and our two accompanists, to keep them on our payroll through the 2020-21 season. We value their work and hope to retain them. This decision was tabled until our plans for the 2020-21 season become more clear. Contracts are usually signed in July. The discussion concerned full payments, or perhaps a percentage of that amount. It was suggested that Walter be consulted as well. His employment situation may be impacted by how or when this is handled.

***EC Action****: Marcia made a motion to keep dues at $50.00, (social events) with the option for members to add extra donations to be placed in an emergency fund.*

*Second: Jane Anne The motion was passed unanimously.*

***EC Action****: Jane Goodrich made a motion to adjourn.*

*Second: Caryn Katzung The motion passed unanimously*

*The next Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled for mid-July to early August.*

*Respectfully Submitted, Caryn Katzung Secretary*