

NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: 4.28.25

ATTENDEES: Cristin Adam (Music Chair), Keith Anderson (Treasurer), Elisabeth Case (President), Jesse Hart (Director at Large), Chuck Jonah (Publicity), Margo Jonah (Grants), Cathy Kaduk (Financial Secretary), Vicky Lynch (PR/Publicity), Gail Nelson (VP), Nancy Sigel (Membership), Sarah Sippy (Director at Large), Janan Szurek (Secretary), John Zelman (Operations Chair), Andy (Friends of the Chorus)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

MINUTES: Not seen yet, so not approved. Will approve 4.7.25 and 4.28.25 at next meeting. Chuck will upload all approved minutes to website.

Jon addressed the board.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Not Applicable

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Kevin Kelly originally reached out to Elisabeth and the search committee interviewed him. Kevin is willing to be our interim director for the 2025-2026 season, while the search committee would continue to search for a permanent director. Kevin observed us at one of our rehearsals, and a few members of the search committee went to a concert that he recently conducted. Kevin has a lot of orchestral experience. The search committee is excited about Kevin and thinks that he would be a good fit.

Went into closed session to discuss personnel

BOARDS EXPECTATIONS FOR DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT: Discuss at a future meeting.

Using our past experiences, we discussed the need to set expectations for the collaboration between the two.

- Response to communication from each other within 24 hours.

INTERIM DIRECTOR:

Elisabeth moved to engage Kevin Kelly as an interim director for the 2025-2026 season at a salary of \$6500 per ½ season for a total of \$13,000. John Zelman seconded and the rest of the board agreed.

REHEARSAL & CONCERT SPACE REVIEW & PLANNING:

- We have reserved the Fellowship Hall at Community UMC.
- The piano in the hall is available.
- Nancy will ask if the church has a podium. Andy will build us one if there is not one available.
- We will continue with UMC until it is not working for us.
- John will be looking into other concert venues

PLANNING FOR BOARD TRANSITION:

Board Transitions June 1st.

OTHER:

- How To Provide Music to Chorus Members: Chorus members responsible for getting their own music. We would tell them exactly what they need to get.
- Elisabeth has been communicating with Pete Ellman about the dates and the music for the December 2025 concert.
- Nancy will move forward with Outreach Choir.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 9th at 7:00 PM at UMC (Both old and new board members)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM

TO DO:

- Elisabeth will call Kevin - share dates, discuss music choices, answer questions.
- Elisabeth will talk with Peter about the board's decision.
- Elisabeth will talk with Jon Warfel about the board's decision.
- Nancy will ask if church has a podium. If not, Andy will build one for us.
- John will look at other possible venues if needed for the 2026-2027 season.
- Elisabeth will compose an email to send to the chorus mid-May with plan for the fall.

Minutes Submitted by: Janan Szurek