

**NAPERVILLE CHORUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 15, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:** Elisabeth Case, Liz Stefanski, Sarah Sippy, Gail Nelson, Margo Jonah, Chuck Jonah, Nancy Sigel, John Zelman, Keith Anderson, Ed Chapman, Vicky Lynch, Janan Szurek, Cathy Kaduk, and Jesse Hart

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm.

**MINUTES:** (Approval of the March minutes will be deferred to the next meeting.)

**NEW REHEARSAL LOCATION:** NCC has stated that effective this September, the large rehearsal room in Wentz will not be available to the Chorus on Monday evenings. The results of our member survey show that switching to Wednesday evenings is not a viable option, and the charge for using the concert hall stage is prohibitive. Because of our student participation, proximity to NCC is highly desirable, but another suitable rehearsal space at NCC has so far not been identified. The space under the bandshell is too small. Nancy and other Board members have explored other venues, including some local churches, but so far have not found a sufficiently large space that is affordable. We will simultaneously pursue two avenues:

1. Janan will create a spreadsheet with columns such as location, contact information, capacity, dates available (we need Mondays from 8/9/24 through 12/2/24 and 1/6/25 through 4/21/25), cost, seating, parking, distance from Wentz, and availability of a piano (note that Jon's keyboard and amp are a possible substitute). Board members will contact local churches, schools, and other organizations and enter the information in the spreadsheet.
2. Elisabeth will go back to NCC and ask for a one-year extension of our current arrangement as a matter of professional courtesy.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** All attendees introduced themselves, including incoming Board members Janan Szurek (Secretary), Cathy Kaduk (Financial Secretary), and Jesse Hart (Director-at-Large).

**SPRING 2024 PROGRAMS:** Chuck reported that the programs are being finalized. They will include mention of our upcoming performances (Rutter's *Gloria* and the Ellman Band in the fall and the Brahms *German Requiem* in the spring). Chuck will remove the Contact Page address and substitute information on signing up to receive Chorus email.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm, location TBA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.