

Music Team Meeting Notes 12/1/21

Introduction: Joe DeSantis opened the meeting by explaining the new leadership structure of the Music Team, to wit: Steve Sutherland will carry the title of Vice President of Music and Performance on the chapter's Board of Directors for 2022; as such he will be the de facto head of the Music Team. He and the chapter's other two song directors, Dave Montera and John Paul, will function as the Music Team's music experts. Joe DeSantis has agreed to construct and circulate the meeting agendas, to chair the Team's meetings, and to supply the other members with post-meeting notes.

1. Song Evaluation (See tonight's agenda for a list of our current repertoire songs)

- Group discussed optimal ways to display how long ago a given song was "worked," by way of rehearsal, performance, etc. "Last Rehearsed" was adopted for the time being.
- Steve talked about the feedback he wanted to receive from Section Leaders, which basically came down to their impressions of how individual singers in their sections are doing, singer by singer if possible.
- Steve is very concerned about the difficulty level of songs in our repertoire given the skill levels of singers currently attending our Monday nite meetings.
- Group discussed options for riser placement that would enable our better singers to raise the overall singing quality of their respective sections. Putting better singers on the top row was generally agreed as the most desirable arrangement.
- Steve will make CD's of learning tracks for members who cannot access the website.

2. Old Business

--Steve reviewed upcoming holiday singing schedule. As listed on the agenda for this meeting, all parts are adequately "covered" for all engagements on the schedule.

3. New Business

--Group discussed the need to line up singing engagements for next year. We generally agreed that the most likely kinds of engagements will be outdoor engagements due to the reluctance many people—both GDC singers and potential audience members—to attend indoor events of any kind. That fact requires us to point to spring/summer of '22 as most likely time for such engagements, absent any kind of "all clear" coming from the CDC or government agencies before that time. (Steve will stay in contact with the Detroit Zoo regarding their "Senior Days" in the spring and fall, which have not been on the Zoo's schedule since pre-COVID.) We will make an announcement to that effect at our next Monday night business meeting, to encourage guys to find out about such events being scheduled in their respective communities, and to refer them to Tom Marciano and/or Kevin Wolf for their follow-up.

--We need someone with basic piano-keyboard skills to help voice-test new members

and wannabe members.

--On Monday December 6 we will poll members about whether & when we should suspend meetings for the holidays (after Dec 13 or 20 until January 3?).

--We need to designate a section leader for the Tenor section.