

Music Team Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022

Attendees: Dave Montera, Keith Opal, John Paul, Joe DeSantis, Tom Uicker, Geoff d'Allemand, Dave Kemp, Steve Sutherland

1. Song Evaluation -- Current List

Song (director)	Perform		
	Grade	Visual	Notes
King of the Road (Dave)	B	?	body language
You've Got a Friend in Me (John)	B	C	planned moves
Hello, Mary Lou (Dave)	B	?	body language
Make 'em Laugh (Steve)	B	C	planned moves
Give My Regards to Broadway (Steve)	C	?	body language
On A Wonderful Day Like Today (Steve)	C	?	planned moves
What A Wonderful World (John)	C+	?	body language
Armed Forces Medley (Dave)	C	?	
The Lion Sleeps Tonight (tenors)	C	B-	planned moves
My Girl (Dave)	C	C-	planned moves, modified
That Old Quartet of Mine (Steve)	C	?	body language
Over the Rainbow (John)	C+	?	body language

2. Old and Ongoing Business

- Potential performance opportunities – Decide which to pursue
 - Sylvan Lake, early August. A full show style presentation.
 - Detroit Zoo, concern about readiness by June 1. Ensemble will add 30 minutes of their rehearsals to singing through chorus repertoire songs. This will hopefully strengthen our performances. September 14 us other zoo date.
 - Arts, Beats & Eats, September 2-5 (Labor Day Weekend) in Royal Oak – Joe will ask Tom Marciano to apply online
- Outdoor rehearsals in local parks-update Meininger Park in Royal Oak April 24, Jaycee Park in Berkley in May and June.
- Talked about riser chart. Absolutely necessary to always use those assignments for rehearsals and performances. Our riser chairs do not fit on the risers in the choir room at the middle school. Tom mentioned the stool that he used at the caroling performances. Might we consider another one of those for Lysle's use?
 - Concern about being able to stand for 30-45 minutes during a performance

3. New Business

- Mask rule update for chorus? Voluntary? Which mask?
 - Board to consider making voluntary
 - Discussion of protection level of masks we should consider. N95 and KN95 protects the person wearing it. Multi-layer cloth masks reduces spread from person wearing it but not from others.
 - Question asked about the Zoo's mask requirement.

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- Dave shared web site describing efficiency of various masks.
 - <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/02/03/962197192/5-hacks-to-make-your-face-mask-more-protective>
- Hosting Fall Convention in Kalamazoo – competition?
 - Joe is pursuing with Doug Weaver. We will not suggest hosting with a partner chapter
 - Contest is not being considered at this point. Low attendance numbers and quality of a possible performance without full chorus practice time.
- Rehearsal format. Stand in riser position some of the time?
 - Already begun.
 - Off music means it can't be in your hands.
- Stage presence – need to teach what body language means. Five songs have planned moves
 - You've Got A Friend In Me
 - Make 'em Laugh
 - On A Wonderful Day Like Today
 - The Lion Sleeps Tonight
 - My Girl
- Ensemble rehearsal location and frequency
 - Increase to weekly on Wednesdays 7-9pm
- **DETROIT ZOO performances June 1 and September 14**
 - Awaiting contracts from the Zoo. Performance will consist of two or three run throughs of the Repertoire music also with Ensemble performance
- Need a script for our show package and possible MCs.
 - Steve will ask Jim Kunz if he would write a script for our songs.
 - Possible MCs: Dave Montera, Ray Sturdy, Malcolm Travis. Steve said he could fill in but doesn't feel he is real good at it any more.