

Music Team Meeting 1/5/22

Notes

In Attendance (by ZOOM): Dave Montera, Dave Kemp, Geoff D'Allemand, Herb Hebner, Joe DeSantis, John Paul, Steve Sutherland

Old Business

- Dave Kemp has agreed to take on section leader responsibilities for the Tenor section.
- Steve has made CD's of learning tracks for the guys who cannot/will not go online to access learning tracks.
- We discussed the wisdom of having/not having a strict plan for riser placement once we get back to ROMS. After some discussion it was decided that we would assign people to individual "spots" on the risers. In general, we will place the better singers higher on the risers so as to be of as much help as possible to the weaker singers.
- No word yet from the Detroit Zoo about whether we will be asked to perform on Senior Days in the spring and/or fall.
- Nothing to report on other singing opportunities.
- Steve will revisit our process for voice-testing new singers. Dave Kemp can be of assistance at the keyboard if needed; Steve prefers the more tried-and-true method of placing the new singer next to an experienced singer and then getting the experienced singer's evaluation. Geoff cautioned all of us to be careful to not denigrate our "weaker" singers by applying that adjective to too many of them, too casually.

New Business

- Our next in-person meeting at ROMS will be January 24, 2022, COVID permitting.
- John Paul volunteered to contact the Traverse City chapter, which uses data available through the CDC to determine COVID spread rates in the area. We could possibly use such data to make a "go/no go" decision on whether to meet in person, or by ZOOM, from Monday night to Monday night.
- The six "repertoire" songs we will concentrate on will be: King of the Road, You've Got a Friend, Hello Mary Lou, Make 'em Laugh, Give My Regards to Old Broadway, and On a Wonderful Day. As for contest songs—should a contest actually happen—we will probably do Give My Regards and Make' em Laugh. (BTW, thematically, those two songs will make an interesting pairing.)

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- John Paul has put forward “Over the Rainbow” to be considered for the repertoire. Some discussion took place, including giving it to the Chorus Ensemble to do, but no decision was made. We will reconsider it at our next Music Team meeting.

Other Business

- --Dave Montera reports that he received two checks worth \$500 each (\$1,000 total) for our performances at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. A pleasant surprise indeed.
--Dave Montera opined that there probably WILL be a Spring Convention (Last weekend in April).
--Dave Montera was contacted by Cody Harrell of City Lights, asking when we planned to host Jug Night. Our response will be: June 3, a Friday night, but if--and only if—we see a drastic improvement in the rate(s) of COVID spread in SE Michigan over what it is currently. We will not host an event that would likely expose people to COVID infection.