

THE VILLAGES MUSIC SOCIETY, INC.
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Villages Golf and Country Club, Cribari Conference Room 5:00 p.m.
San Jose, CA 95135

Pam called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members present: Pamela Pierson, president; Roberta Wolfe, secretary; Gary Hill, vice president; Vic Clifford; Eric Pierson, treasurer; Janis Hubbs; Kathi Levin; Bonnie Preston; Susan Ahlgrimm; Estelle Kabbani; Mary Stradner; Bernice Toy. Absent: Linda Rollo, Earl Levin.

Minutes

Gary moved, Bonnie seconded and the motion passed that the May 10 minutes be approved.

Treasurer Report

Eric presented the report and stated that we are doing well.

Vice President's Scheduling Review

No report

Reports

Search for a Band Conductor: Vic said he had received information about two qualified candidates and would be talking to them. The \$250 to register on the search website was worth it.

Concert Series Fundraisers: Vic said they had sold 90 tickets for the Daddios concert. Eric reported on the Dave Coldren concert on July 16 at 7:00 p.m. There will be refreshments. Pam said Eric will take photos. There will be an article in The Villager about that event and which will talk about other upcoming events. The Dear Darling trio will perform August 6, 1-2 p.m.

Simon Gee: Susan said that Simon Gee, the young pianist who has played here before, will be coming after Christmas. He wants to give a concert as thanks for giving him the opportunity to perform.

Variety show: Susan talked about a proposed Friends and Family variety/talent show to be held Fall 2022 or early 2023. Pam asked Susan and Roberta to send information to the group representatives for them to forward to their members.

Accomplishments of VMS Entities for 2021-2022

Concert Band

Vic's report: Members – 45 individuals interested in participating, list needs refining. Accomplishments – Director search – to date 15 candidates pursued, no selection.

Handball Ensemble

Kathi's report: New members: 5; Total members: 16. Accomplishments: 1. Meeting weekly on Fridays with a few days off when the room was not available. 2. Beginning new pieces each month for concert or Chapel. 3. Integrating new members into the group. 4. Teaching new members the special techniques to ring handbells successfully. 5. Having fun with a special group of Villagers. 6. Almost ready to play for the public!

Village Dancers

Bernice's report: I started with 7 members that performed at the Voices concert in May. Since then 58 people have come to a dance session. We average about 35 people per week. Accomplishments: 1. Brought Dance to The Villages. 2. Introduced Latin Jazz in May. 3. Introduced Hawaiian in June. 4. Will introduce 60s choreography in July. 5. Supported the need for a dance studio at The Villages. The Club Board has approved the project. Mary Tatum said the plan is to convert the Sequoia Room into a dance studio that can be used for Dance, Line-Dancing, Yoga, etc. It will have a wooden floor, mirrors, a sound system, etc. I will consult on the project.

Opera Lovers

Bonnie's report: I believe that the Opera Lovers Club has had an exceptionally fine year in 2022. Our accomplishments are: 1. Whereas I have been the sole President for over 10 years, two very fine new members have offered to be on our board which now consists of 3 active members of the board! 2. Our membership lists 66 members. 3. I have continued showing DVDs of famous operas once a month for 9 months a year. 4. Most important, however, is the outstanding concert we presented this April by having Opera San Jose perform for us. We had over 200 Villagers attending and we were complimented that we brought true culture to the Villages.

Village Voices

Janis's report: We had approximately 30 members. Accomplishments: We were able to get a group going after two years off due to the Pandemic. We are able to give a contract to our new director, Susan Ahlgrimm and to our pianist, Tammie Welsh. Our Spring Concert was a hit and made profits. We were able to get loans from the VMS too keep us afloat. Our social committee kept our morale up.

Piano Open Studio

Estelle's report: Three new members joined us - however, Ronnie Matthews and Vera Roth withdrew from the group. Vera Johnston is our new member. Total of 11 members.

- Village Spotlight Magazine - April 2022 Issue. Piano Open Studio performers were featured in April - two weeks prior to the May 1, 2022 Spring Concert. This was excellent additional publicity leading up to the event.
- Two Piano Matinee Concerts. Spring Concert and Reception, Sunday May 1, 2022 "May We Entertain You." Fall Concert and Reception, Sunday November 13, 2022
- Open Studio. Piano Open Studio invites people of all levels of piano as well as appreciative listeners. Meetings in the Auditorium on scheduled Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m.

Corporate Business

Administration

VMS directors for 2022-2023 year: Pam announced that she, Eric and Roberta would continue as President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, and that the office of Vice President was currently vacant.

Fee schedule increase effective July 1: Pam noted that fees for non-cancellation of facility use would increase.

Room reservation validations for July-December 2022 in work.

Master Calendar for 2023: Each entity can consider their events for 2023 in preparation for submission to Gary/Pam for submission during the month of August.

Piano Open Studio

Estelle said they have requested the same setup for rehearsals and weekly meeting as for church services. Mary had asked for a detailed plan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 13.

Submitted by Roberta Wolfe, secretary