

Queer Urban Orchestra
April 2021 Board Meeting

Date: April 13, 2021
Zoom Video Conference

Board Members In Attendance: Bjorn Berkhout, Christopher Campbell, Lynn Caron, Navin Manglani, Ron Nahass, Scott Oaks

Non-Board Members In Attendance: Luke Nosal, Ian Shafer, Todd Porter

Call to Order: 7:10pm

1. Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes

1-Ron, 2-Lynn, Approved unanimously

2. Election Results

- Term begins July 1, 2021
- Four new board members elected
- **No communication has been sent to membership regarding election results**

3. DCLA End of Season Concert

- Memorandum of Understandings have been sent to four composers
- Clifton Geidry (they/them) - would like to be paid half now, half after piece is submitted (\$1000 total)
- Craig, Personnel Manager, has filled every spot for both orchestras (minus 1 bass)
- Marketing team (Luke & Ron)
 - i. Flyer will show faces of composers
 - ii. Graphic designer to be paid \$100 fee
 - iii. Video promotion- composers will give 20-30 video submissions. Composers may use video promotion on their own social media.
 - iv. Promotional email to be sent to school music programs throughout NYC
- **Ian will coordinate with with Musae and confirm their ability**
- Location change - we are now at Holy Apostle Church and Musae (recording company) can accommodate the change
- Górecki part rentals have been ordered by Nick, music librarian.
- All commissions due May 1

Motion to Approve \$500 copyist/engraving fee to Mohammad Fairouz in addition to original stipend.

1-Navin 2- Scott. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to grant Clifton Guidry \$500 of their \$1000 stipend upfront.

1-Ron , 2-Scott. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve \$100 stipend for Asad Pervaiz for June 2021 concert graphic design.

1- Lynn, 2- Ron, Motion passes unanimously.

4. 2021-2022 Season Update

- Alex Temple - composer invited to write composition for March 16 concert
 - Discussion on budget and building donor base
 - Still need to raise \$15000 after ticket sales and DCLA grant
 - Will solidify budget and vote in June or July
5. Marketing
 - New season can be announced on QUO website & eBlast
 - [Marketing for new season should be underway by mid-May](#)
 6. NYC Virtual Pride
 - Discussion of ideas for 120 second video clip
 - No deadline has been given from NYC Pride yet
 7. Next Social Event
 - Potential for outdoor gathering to get orchestra excited about next season
 8. Safety in Our Orchestra
 - Discussion on future rehearsals in regards to health and safety
 - Use next gathering (live/virtual) to have a deliberate conversation re: getting back together
 9. Concerns about other organizations (LITHA) taking our model for themselves.