

Queer Urban Orchestra
March 2021 Board Meeting

Date: March 9, 2021
Zoom Video Conference

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

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

Call to Order: 7:03pm

1. Approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes

1-Navin, 2- Lynn, *Passes Unanimously*

2. Contact from Chris Hewes of San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Band

- Potential for future collaboration

3. DCLA Grant for end of Season 2021 Concert

- 3 commissions are underway and memorandums of understanding have been sent out (will require future performances of commissions to include QUO's information)
- Waiting from 1 more composer
- Personnel manager Craig Devereaux is working with Ian to set up rehearsals for 15 musicians (6 rehearsals: Mondays and Wednesdays for 3 weeks)
- Chris will confirm rehearsal guidelines (if any) from NYS Dept of Health
- Ian and Todd will coordinate booking of rehearsal and concert spaces
- Scheduled for June 19
- Graphic designer needed for social media and marketing- Kevin will connect a graphic designer friend with Ian
- Marketing to include information about composers and how they are from LGBTQ+ community
- Discussion of marketing towards future audiences in other boroughs
- Ron, Ian, and Luke will work on marketing

4. March 24 Annual Meeting

- Todd will craft email to send to membership
- Board Elections - nominations can come at any point, including during the meeting
- Discussion of potential Executive Director position in light of Board President not running for an additional term
- Announcement of next season
- Financial update?
- Introduce new membership coordinator
- Update on June concerts/events
- Social gathering after meeting
- Slides for meeting to be sent to Todd by March 20

5. NYC Virtual Pride

- We will prepare 120 second video
- Prepare ideas for next board meeting

6. Fall Season Launch
 - Will follow most up to date CDC guidelines
7. QUO February get-together recap
 - Overall success
 - Can plan for April social after our March meeting
8. Strategic Planning Process Update
 - List of potential committee members assembled
 - Looking for blend of old and new members, racial diversity

8:34pm Motion to move to executive session

1- Christopher, 2- Alan