



The Annual General Meeting of Vocal Ascent Inc.  
Sept 9th, 2018  
Westworth United Church  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call To Order: 7:15 PM

2. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented**

Made by: Jacqueline Paquette

Seconded by: Ursula Mackenzie

**Carried**

3. Adoption of Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

**Motion: To adopt the minutes of the 2017 AGM as presented**

Made by: Jessica Wilson

Seconded by: Stephanie Mandes

**Carried**

4. Financial Report

4.1 Audit 2017-2018

**Motion: To waive the audit of Vocal Ascent, Inc for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.**

Made by: Ashleigh Perkins

Seconded by: Laura Stephens

**Carried**

4.2 Financial Report and Statements

Additional/highlighted Notes:

- This year's budget includes a Commitment by Vocal Ascent Inc. to fundraise \$1000
  - Rumor's comedy club - receive ½ of ticket sales, option of a silent auction, they print and supply tickets

**Motion: To accept the 2017-2018 financial report and the Season 7 budget proposal**

Made by: Jacqueline Paquette

Seconded by: Ursula MacKenzie

**Carried**

5. Board of Directors Reports (including additional/highlighted notes: )

5.1 President's/Executive Committee Report - Mary DeGrow

- Mary is retiring from being President.

5.2 Artistic Director's Report - Debbie McLeod

- A big thank you, Mary for all the work you've put in.
- Welcome to our new accompanist, Nicola Davies!

5.3 Standing Committee Reports

5.3.1 Library Committee - Jessica Wilson, Chair

- The library has been moved to the new location!
- New people are needed for this year's library committee:
  - Chris Rivet

5.3.2 Administrative Committee - Ashleigh Perkins, Chair

- All choristers will complete forms for the new season.
- Talk to Ashleigh if a new name tag is needed.
- Put your section number and library number of your name tag!

5.3.3 Events Committee - Laura Stephens, Chair

5.3.4 Fundraising Committee - Mary DeGrow, Chair

- Manitoba Community Services council no longer exists.
- The wine raffle was very successful; we will do another one in a few years.

5.3.5 Governance Committee - Gord McLeod, Chair

- One or more new by-laws may be introduced later this year. A brief corporate meeting will be called to hold a vote, following the timelines and guidelines that are in place.

5.3.6 PR Committee - Ursula MacKenzie, Chair

- Sturgeon Creek has asked us to sing again in October
- We are planning a group photo and will choose a date on Sept 16th and give the choir a weeks notice.

**Motion: To accept the reports as presented.**

Made by: Chris Rivet

Seconded by: Jessica Wilson

**Carried**

6. Resolution of Vocal Ascent Inc. to ratify all actions taken by the board and its directors in past year.

**Motion: To ratify all actions taken by the board of directors in 2017-2018.**

Made by: Chris Rivet

Seconded by: Jessica Wilson

**Carried**

## 7. Election of the Board of Directors

### 7.1 Nominations from the floor

- Stephanie Mandes for 2nd Vice President
  - Nominated by: Mary DeGrow
  - Seconded by: Laura Stephens
- Danielle Paquette for Fundraising Chair
  - Nominated by: Jacqueline Paquette
  - Seconded by: Jessica Wilson
- Jacqueline Paquette as a Member at Large
  - Nominated by: Danielle Paquette
  - Seconded by: Mandy Furney

### 7.2 Election of Directors and Officers as presented: Vocal Ascent Board of Directors 2018-2019

- Ashleigh Perkins - President
- Laura Stephens - 1st Vice President
- Stephanie Mandes - 2nd Vice-President
- Mandy Furney - Treasurer
- Brianne Ellison - Secretary
- Gordon McLeod - Information Coordinator
- Ursula MacKenzie - PR Committee Chair
- Jessica Wilson - Library Committee Chair
- Danielle Paquette - Fundraising Committee Chair
- Russ Woods - Member-at-Large
- Jacqueline Paquette - Member-at-Large
- Wanda Prychitko?

#### **Motion: To accept slate as presented.**

Made by: Anelle McLaughlin

Seconded by: Ursula MacKenzie

**Carried**

## 8. New Business

- The handbook has been provided electronically.
- Baden shared if anyone has interest in knowing more regarding non-binary and using proper pronouns to speak with them anytime.
  - We as a choir will continue to move forward in the direction of proper language.
  - High voices and low voices are will no longer be classified as male/female.
- Attendance policy change, please notify VA if you are unable to attend practice:
  - Email Ashleigh and Debbie at [VocalAscent@gmail.com](mailto:VocalAscent@gmail.com) (pg. 5 of the handbook)
  - Ashleigh will send an email reminder about where to enter the building from the account so you can save it to your contacts.
  - If you are going to miss a performance please make sure to give ample notice.
- Additional Performance Date: January 27th, 7:00 PM - Fundraiser for Westworth United Church

- Choristers are asked to enter from the front doors or, if late, through the side door beside the sanctuary. The front doors will lock at 7:00 PM every rehearsal.
- When entering through the side door please be mindful of your shoes/boots for snow/mud/water on the carpet.

9. Adjournment: 8:05 PM

**Motion: To adjourn.**

Made by: Jessica Wilson

Seconded by: Jacqueline Paquette

**Carried**