Membership Report for February 17,2021 VHS Board Meeting

1. On February 6,2021 the Far Western District held their Leadership Academy 2021 ZOOM WEB CONFERENCE. Represented were Board leaders from all over the Western U.S. All the leaders gave a brief bio, we then broke out into our Board Officers break-out rooms.

Heading the Chapter Development (Membership V.P.) was Jeremy Loper FWD Membership Recruiting, and Education Manager. It was an all-day session. I recorded most of the day. I haven’t been able to edit and summarize the session. I will have the summary and possibly the recorded session ready for our members and the Board in a few weeks.

1. **GUESTS:** Guest Larry Goodfried has decided **not** to return to our Zoom meeting until we can get back together in person. Larry stated, “While your members have a connection to each other and enjoy visiting each Monday. I find it less than interesting listening to one member sing along with a DVD or mp-4 in the background.”
2. On Monday February 15,2021 Mark Nudelman will introduce to the chorus a new guest of his, David McCann. Mark met David at a Zoom meeting. David studied at Yale University, and while there was associated with the famous Whiffinpoof Singers. David is fluent in music and in his youth sang with a group as a baritone. On 2-15-21 David McCann joined the Leads in break-out room. He seemed to really enjoy himself.
3. Recently I wrote a letter to Bonnie Janofsky asking her intentions as far the chorus is concerned.

This is Bonnie’s reply. “I’m quite sure that I will join the VHS! Yes, you can send me the Membership info. And Application Form. I am a finale power user and can compose/ arrange/ and transcribe any of the music! Bonnie.” I sent Bonnie the Membership Application Form today 2-15-21. After Bonnie returns her membership application back to me, she will be listed as a **Perspective Member.**

1. Guest speaker Katie Mcdonald ( BHS Recruitment and Retention Manager ) had to cancel her meeting with the chorus because of a family event. Katie will be rescheduled in the near future.
2. **March Dues Dates:**

In March the following members’ dues are due.

Chuck Brook’s – 3-31-21

Jeffery Bunch - 3-8-21

Kathie Edwards - 3-25-21

Rochelle Herman – 3-20-21

Karen Longobart - 3-25-21

Kathleen Padden - 3-31-21

Gloria Rosales - 3-21-21

Tom Raffety - 3-8-21

Don Rosen - 3-31-21

 I recommend that Bob Karlin list the names of the above members whose dues are due in

March on our website near the Birthdays of the month. Just names, or names and dates.

Our spirits seem to be high after a year rehearsing on Zoom. We’ve had a few guest speakers and under the leadership of are directors and Bob Karlin are tech guy, we’ve tried a few new things. I don’t know the details and cost of using Jamulas; But if we can pull the resources together it would be fabulous to once again harmonize together. If not just for once a month.

**Ben Marder, Membership V.P. 2-15-21**