**Membership Report for August 18, 2021 VHS Board Meeting**

As of today 8-16-21, there is still no word from the director of St. Mark’s Church as to when the evening classes and chorus rehearsals will be able to resume. I will try to contact the director on Tuesday the 18th.

Below is a message sent by Sunny Arford of the River Oaks Chorus describing her visit to St. Mark’s. **twr1942** <twr1942@aol.com>

**To:**Jack Press,Ben Marder

Wed, Aug 4 at 3:01 PM

FYI.....Tom

Hi team and Tom. Diana and I visited St Mark’s today and found everything to be in order. The risers are still there, although we didn’t pull them out to count them. Our cabinets and contents were intact and all our cabinets are already labeled “Property of River Oaks Chorus”, as Rev Robin wanted.

So, now all we need to do is provide them the insurance letter and any other forms they want…and, of course, money, I’m sure. With pending mask requirements, we may want to continue in the outdoors until daylight savings time…maybe it will all be resolved by then! Sunny.

**Meetup:** Isaiah Nwukor joined our virtual rehearsal on Monday July 26, 2021.

This was Isaiah’s reply to my message. “Hi Ben, I had a good time at the rehearsal. I have been having issues installing jamulus on my computer. (Me and gabby troubleshooter for about 30 mins., so I may have to sit out the future meetings. “I enjoyed singing with you guys though, and would love to see a performance sometime in the future when health stuff permits**!” Isaiah, is now on our mailing list.**

**Saiba Singh**

On Tuesday August 17, 2021 I finally received a reply from Saiba. “Hey Ben,

 I’m sorry I didn’t get back to you! I’ve been so busy at home because my sister just bought a house and is moving. I’ve been helping her out. I think the next time I can attend rehearsal will be August 30th “.

**Jonah Allen** is our newest Meetup member. Not really! Jonah says he joined us on meetup 2013. I think I remember Jonah attending a rehearsal at St. Mark’s. Jonah attended our meeting for a few minutes Monday 8-16-21 night.

**Note:** We have almost 30 people who have joined us on Meetup in the last year. For those people who live locally, I’ll send Kathie their contact information so she can put them on our mailing list for future shows and events of the chorus. Hopefully some will join the chorus when we return to in- person rehearsals at St. Mark’s Church.

I will inform our board members just as soon as I get a call or reply back from all the messages I’ve sent to the director of St. Mark’s Church, Robin Kassibian. Until then, let’s just keep doing what we’ve been doing on Zoom and jamulus. Don’t let your guard down. Think of all our loved ones. **Ben Marder. 8-18-2.**