

NEGASS Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 13, 2021, 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Ann Ferentz, NEGASS president, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

23 people were in attendance.

Minutes from the 2020 annual meeting were amended and approved.

Board Elections -

Thanks to Carolyn Schwartz for past service

Welcome to new board member Jon Coffin from Maine

Welcome back to Elaine Crane, Brad Amidon and Lindsey Soboleski

No other nominations. Voted for the slate as it stands.

Martha acknowledged and thanked for her extra-board contributions.

Treasurer's Report

Brad Amidon, NEGASS treasurer, provided an overview of NEGASS finances. The NEGASS bank balance is \$10,852.40. Last year's income was \$700, which was from memberships. Expenses totaled \$819.17. NEGASS continues to support G&S performances via program ads. The treasurer's report was approved.

Year in review and future planning

President Ann Ferentz summarized NEGASS events of the past year:

- Thanks to Jacki Haney for all the work on events during this past difficult year. Jacki hosted a variety of wonderful events online when in person events were not possible. Talks, performances, play readings, Christmas concert, watch parties - all coordinated events were enjoyed by many, and also many were posted on our YouTube channel
- Mr. Jericho, Pineapple Poll, Mikado watch party, Allow Me To Explain reading, trivia night, Mikado (Martin Green) watch party are a few examples
- NEGASS rejoined the Gilbert & Society of London as an affiliate
- We launched a YouTube channel and added old (archival) and new recordings
- Janice Dallas provided many archival recordings, which Ben Morse digitized to put on the YouTube channel
- October anniversary (45 years) is in 2021 and we will plan events
- Sad news of David DeVries' (Bray editor) passing in April 2021; Laurie Weissbrot has taken over editing

Planned Events

Program Chair, Jacki Haney, provided a summary of upcoming plans:

- July 25 Trial By Jury sing through and pot luck at Elaine Crane's house in West Boylston
- Zoom events will continue for the benefit of far reaching members
- 2nd Annual Bab Ballads program on Saturday, September 18
- Anniversary in October or November (TBA) for performing group affiliates
- December program TBA - holiday party, zoom concert, etc.
- 2022 being able to visit different productions (such as Sudbury Savoyards' Grand Duke)
- Sing-outs, sing-throughs, LMLO's, etc in person events going into the new year, as well as lecture and zoom events
- Website will keep a list of current events

Meeting adjourned at 7:27

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Crane

Clerk, NEGASS