

MINUTES
Central Iowa Symphony Board
January 8, 2008

Attending: Donita McCoy (presiding), Diane Bjorklund, A. M. Fink, Karl Gwiasda, Sara Markley, Sam Wormley

Administrative

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. The distributed agenda was approved.

The minutes for the meeting of December 4 were approved.

Filling in for the treasurer, McCoy distributed copies of the budget review. Revenue for December was greatly enhanced by the receipt of a \$7500 operational grant from COTA. The treasurer's report was approved. .

McCoy reported that Noelle Fultz is joining the board to fill one of the current vacancies.

Orchestra and Concerts

Search committee for new conductor

McCoy reported that Sandra McJimsey has agreed to join the Search Committee and that A. M. Fink will serve as the committee's chair. Fink is working on finalizing a questionnaire to be filled out by the orchestra's players following the audition concerts. He expects to have the questionnaire ready by next month, when rehearsals for the next concert begin.

Next season will be filled with guest conductors, at least one of whom will be auditioning for the post of full-time conductor. The board discussed setting a cut-off date for applications for the post of conductor. By consensus, the board judged April 1, 2008 to be a reasonable deadline for applications.

Next season's schedule

After some discussion of options, the board concluded that next year's holidays concert should again be scheduled for a Saturday afternoon (4 pm) but that the other concerts should be scheduled for Sunday afternoons (3 pm) rather than Saturday evenings. The board agreed that the concerts should be spaced across the season in a pattern similar to that followed for the current season.

Orchestra support

Young Artists Auditions

McCoy reported that 7 people—one violinist, one pianist, and 5 cellists—submitted applications for the Young Artist auditions to be held this coming Saturday. McCoy is seeking a cellist (or string player) to serve as one of the judges; the other two judges will be a pianist and the guest conductor, Eric McIntyre. Wormley said that he will ask a friend to take photos at the auditions. The photos can then be used as part of a press release concerning the results of the auditions and the forthcoming concert that will feature the winners.

AIOFA programs insert

Gwiasda distributed a sample of a simple-design, half-sheet flyer that might serve as an insert in the playbills for the coming AIOFA concert by the Royal Philharmonic. The board approved having the flyer printed. Gwiasda will pick up the flyers from the printer and deliver them to Sara Compton at the ISU Center.

Appeal letter

McCoy reported that the appeal letter has not yet been sent because the mailing list was found to need more extensive correction than had been anticipated. Markley is working on revising the list, which should be ready in the next few weeks.

Next season's brochure

McCoy noted that it is nearing time to initiate work on next season's brochure. An immediate issue is identifying a designer. Foster-Wendel will be talking to Innova about possibly doing a design, but McCoy asked that board members let her know of any other prospective designers.

Web site

Wormley reported that he has asked a computer-savvy friend, Kevin Feeley, to look over the CIS Web site for suggestions about improving it. One possibility is to include the opportunity to purchase tickets or make donations on-line. Wormley suggested that he, Foster-Wendel, and Fultz serve as a team to guide Feeley in revising the current site's design and content. The board approved having the team develop a better site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Karl Gwiasda
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 5, 7:15 pm