

MINUTES
Central Iowa Symphony Board
March 11, 2008

Attending: Donita McCoy (presiding), A. M. Fink, Kathleen Foster-Wendel, Karl Gwiasda, Sara Markley, Sam Wormley

Administrative

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. The distributed agenda was approved.

The minutes for the meeting of February 12 were approved with one correction: change “there no” to read *there are no* in the second-last line under “Next season’s brochure.”

Filling in for the treasurer, McCoy distributed copies of the budget review. The treasurer’s report was approved.

Orchestra and Concerts

Search committee for new conductor

Fink reported that the conductor-evaluation form has been distributed to the players for last Saturday’s concert. In the meantime, the committee carried out an interview with conductor Eric McIntyre. Fink remarked that the committee was asked when the hiring decision would be announced and that McIntyre was told that the final decision could not be made earlier than mid-December.

Next season’s schedule

McCoy announced that arrangements have been set to have Arkadi Feldmann guest-conduct the orchestra for a concert on November 1. William David will appear as soloist in Shostakovich’s Second piano concerto. McCoy said that she will propose that Feldmann be paid \$1500 for his appearance and that \$500 be paid to the conductor for the initial rehearsals.

Foster-Wendel will speak to Jeff Prater to see if Feldmann could participate in some form of outreach activity that might receive grant support. Fink will reserve the City Hall Auditorium for the November 1 concert and for the rehearsals on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday.

McCoy reported that the season’s remaining concerts would fall on either December 6 or 13, on March 1, and tentatively on April 19.

Orchestra support

Next season’s brochure

McCoy reported that she emailed Walter Z., the designer of this season’s brochure, to ask about the possibility of re-using the design for the coming season. He replied that he is glad that the CIS is pleased by the design, that he is aware that the orchestra is not a big-budget organization, and that he is amenable to working out a mutually satisfactory agreement.

Web site

Wormley reported that he has spoken with Fultz, who is working on redesigning the CIS Web site. As part of the site's reconstruction, Wormley suggested that a page be included to hold concert playbills, meeting minutes, board rosters, and other documents pertaining to the orchestra and board. Additionally, another page might be provided as an avenue to ordering tickets and making contributions, though at this point it is uncertain whether the transactions could be performed on-line or would instead entail printing a form to mail in. The board judged both suggestions to represent welcome improvements.

Wormley noted that he took more photos at the past concert, including close-up shots of the performers.

Gala and Make Me a Maestro

The board approved holding a Gala next season in September. The board also was in favor of holding a *Make Me a Maestro* event if a volunteer is found to organize it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Karl Gwiasda
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 8, 7:15 pm

(Note: This date is changed from the schedule announced earlier in the season.)