

**MINUTES**  
**Central Iowa Symphony Board**  
**November 5, 2008**

Attending: Donita McCoy (presiding), A. M. Fink, Kathleen Foster-Wendel, Noelle Fultz, Karl Gwiasda, Jane Ringwald, Sam Wormley

**Administrative**

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

The minutes for the meeting of October 7 were approved.

Treasurer Ringwald distributed copies of the Budget Review.

**November concert**

All reports from attendees and orchestra players indicate that the past week's concert was a great success artistically. The attendance total was 197 people, a lower figure than had been hoped.

**December concert**

Gwiasda will have posters available for pick-up on November 17. On a suggestion from Wormley, the posters will include the CIS's Web address.

Fink reported that Chuck Jones is willing to act as Santa Claus for the December concert provided that he is not required to serve as an emcee. The board agreed that the Santa needed only to distribute any candy and to pose for photos. Foster-Wendel will look into finding a possible donor of chocolates or other candy.

The board agreed to invite conductor Chris Johnson and his wife to a post-concert dinner.

Gwiasda noted that copy for inclusion in the concert playbills should reach him no later than Monday, November 24.

McCoy reported that, after email consultation with the board, she has told conductor Johnson that the CIS will give a free adult ticket to each member of the chorus from the Story-Roland schools and an opportunity to buy an additional adult ticket at half-price. Orders for the half-price tickets must, however, be placed in advance. Johnson was pleased by this offer and will notify the singers that their order for a half-price ticket must be made by November 24.

**Supporting the orchestra**

*Advertising*

Fultz distributed a "marketing plan" for avenues of publicity for the CIS concerts. Gwiasda asked whether music teachers at the Ames public schools were receiving notices of the coming concerts. McCoy said that she would see to distributing posters to the teachers so that they can make announcements to their pupils..

*Young Artists competition*

Ringwald reported that the letter announcing the YA competition has been mailed out. The deadline for application is set at December 10.

Ringwald also reported having received an email inquiry asking approval to post information about the competition on another Website. Wormley will investigate whether the whether the Website, which purports to be a kind of bulletin board, is a legitimate one.

*Grants*

Fink agreed to represent the CIS at the COTA meeting on Saturday, November 8. Foster-Wendel reported that she has filed an application requesting a \$10K grant to cover operating costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Karl Gwiasda  
Secretary

*NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 2, 7:15 pm*