

MINUTES
Central Iowa Symphony Board
December 2, 2008

Attending: Donita McCoy (presiding), A. M. Fink, Noelle Fultz, Karl Gwiasda, Sara Markley, Jane Ringwald, Sam Wormley

Administrative

President McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

The minutes for the meeting of November 5 were approved.

Treasurer Ringwald said that she would send her written budget review by email. She remarked, however, that donations are now within \$100 of the budgeted goal of \$10,000.

Orchestra and concerts

McCoy reviewed the checklist of preparations for the coming concert. Ringwald reported that she will have another 100 tickets printed because the available supply is running low. The posters have been printed and posted, while the playbills are at the print shop. Fultz reviewed the publicity that has appeared so far or that is to appear this week. Wormley remarked that he has emailed information about the concert to various churches for possible inclusion in their bulletin or newsletter. The same step might be taken with service organizations or similar groups. Foster-Wendel will handle door sales, but a second person may be needed if Ringwald is unable to assist. McCoy reported that the Town & Country Kiwanis will again provide ushers. Markley will set up decorations in the hall. Wormley will make the reservations for the post-concert dinner with the conductor.

McCoy reported that the special offer for reduced-price tickets for the choir members has been successful. Along with the 49 free tickets given to the singers (one ticket each), an additional 18 free tickets for students were issued, while Chris Johnson has sold 61 tickets at the specially reduced price of \$10. In sum, the promotional effort has yielded almost 130 attendees and an income of \$610.

Young Artists audition

Ringwald reported that no applications have yet come in for the YA auditions. She suggested that the auditions might gain a greater response once the CIS has a permanent conductor who can help in publicizing them. McCoy observed that the requirement that the players memorize their pieces may also be a deterrent. The rules may need to be changed for the 2010 auditions.

Supporting the orchestra

Gala

Markley reported that the Country Club proved to be an excellent venue both for location and cost. She added that she will be paring the mailing list based on a record of non-response over the past 5 years and will be adding names, like those of orchestra players, that have been overlooked..

COTA grant

Fink appeared at the COTA meeting to speak on behalf of the CIS's grant application. He said that the meeting produced no unexpected responses or questions from the COTA members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Karl Gwiasda
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 6, 7:15 pm