

**MINUTES**  
**Central Iowa Symphony Board**  
**March 3, 2009**

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

**Administrative**

Vice-President Foster-Wendel called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

The minutes for the meeting of February 3 were approved.

Treasurer Ringwald distributed a budget review reporting the income and expenses for February. She noted that the revenues column does not yet show \$8,851 in grants support, as these payments will be made later this season. The budget report was approved.

**Concert publicity**

The board discussed whether more could be done to publicize the CIS and its concerts with the aim of increasing attendance. One hope is that *The Tribune* might be induced to run a feature article on the orchestra, possibly in conjunction with the appointment of a new conductor. Ringwald suggested making special efforts to reach the residents of the Northcrest and Green Hills communities to encourage their coming to the concerts. Fultz proposed making an arrangement with a local restaurant to offer a dinner-plus-concert opportunity.

Forbes noted that the best-attended concerts have been those with a “hook,” such as the inclusion of a chorus. This remark prompted a question of whether any “hook” might be attached to the April concert. At this point, all that is known is that the concert will include music of Aaron Copland, a feature that raises a possibility that the concert might be promoted for its celebration of American music.

**Supporting the orchestra**

Foster-Wendel suggested that in conjunction with the April concert the board sponsor some sort of event for the orchestra players as a gesture of appreciation. The board unanimously agreed and opted for a post-concert reception to be held in City Hall. Details will be worked out via email conferencing and finalized at the April 7 meeting.

**Conductor search**

Fink delivered the report from the Search committee, whose recommendation was that Eric McIntyre be offered the position of conductor/music director. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to follow the committee’s recommendation. Accordingly, President McCoy will be instructed to make the offer to McIntyre and to notify the other applicant of the board’s decision. In addition, McCoy will be instructed to see that the orchestra players are notified that Ruth Lin withdrew her application, but to say nothing at this time about the committee’s recommendation.

Once a contract is signed, the board wants McCoy to see that the orchestra players are notified of McIntyre’s appointment before any public announcement is issued. In order not to distract attention from the April concert, Wormley will not post information about the new appointment on the CIS Website before April 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Karl Gwiasda  
Secretary

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