

**MINUTES**  
**Central Iowa Symphony Board**  
**April 7, 2009**

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

**Administrative**

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

The minutes for the meeting of March 3 were approved.

Treasurer Ringwald distributed a budget review reporting the income and expenses for March. The budget report was approved.

McCoy announced that she did not wish to continue as president for an additional term. She and Foster-Wendel will constitute a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers. McCoy asked the board members to indicate their willingness to serve in any of the offices. Wormley said that he would be willing to serve as president. Gwiasda said that he was willing to continue as secretary.

**Orchestra and concerts**

*Concert of April 25*

McCoy reported that arrangements for ushering, publicity, and advertising have been or are being taken care of. So far, however, no one has been found to fill in for Fink as stage manager. Foster-Wendel agreed to do the job provided that someone can replace her at the ticket window. Forbes said that her husband, Andrew, could again assist at the box office. Posters for the concert were distributed among the board members.

*New conductor*

McCoy reported that Eric McIntyre has told her that the terms of the revised contract prepared by Forbes were acceptable. The contract has been sent to him for his signature. (*Note:* Following the March meeting, McCoy was in contact with McIntyre, who asked for a few changes or clarifications in the contract terms that McCoy had discussed with him. By e-mail, board members expressed their agreement to or reservations about the requested alterations. On the basis of the board response, Forbes prepared a new version of the contract that met with board approval. This version is the one that McIntyre has also found acceptable.)

*Calendar for next season*

McCoy reported that McIntyre had identified the possible concert dates that would best suit his own schedule. On the basis of that guide and other factors, the board arrived at the following tentative schedule for the 2009-2010 season:

Saturday, October 10 (evening)  
Saturday, December 5 (afternoon)  
Saturday, March 6 (afternoon)  
Sunday, April 25 (afternoon)

Foster-Wendel agreed to check into the availability of the Auditorium on these dates (and on the concomitant rehearsal dates) and to check whether any of the dates may entail a conflict with events planned by Ames' other arts organizations.

*Summer concert*

Wormley reported that planning for a summer concert had been deferred, awaiting the appointment of the new conductor. McCoy said that McIntyre has expressed his interest in presenting a summer concert. The Summer Concert committee can now talk with McIntyre about a possible summer concert and will have to

determine the costs, the availability of players, the choice of dates, and any other matters affecting the concert's feasibility.

#### *Timpani storage*

McCoy reported that Mike King, manager of the Auditorium, has said that the orchestra's timpani will have to be removed from the hallway and placed in storage during the between-seasons hiatus. King said that the Auditorium has space where the timpani could be stored, but he would want someone to approve the site as suitable. McCoy said that she would seek a timpanist or percussionist to judge whether the available storage space will serve to house the instruments safely.

#### **Supporting the orchestra**

##### *Reception for the new conductor*

As agreed at the last meeting, the board will host a reception in the Auditorium break room for McIntyre and the orchestra players following the April 25 concert. Markley said that she would take care of decorating the break room. Foster-Wendel volunteered to superintend setting up the room. She will also look into getting punch, cakes, or pastries to supplement whatever home-baked or store-bought goodies that board members provide. Enough dessert and drink will be needed to serve about 75 people.

##### *Publicity*

Fultz said that she will make another attempt to have *The Tribune* include the CIS concerts in its weekly long-range calendar of coming events in Ames. Most likely in an oversight, *The Tribune* has not listed coming CIS concerts as early as it has events held by other organizations.

##### *Changes in board membership*

McCoy noted that the terms of Fink, Markley, and Ringwald expire at the end of June. Fink and Markley will not be available to serve a new term. Ringwald said that she will consider remaining as treasurer for the coming year and will make her decision known as soon as possible. McCoy remarked that the departures of two or three board members underscored the importance of finding new members to bring the board up to full strength.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Karl Gwiasda  
Secretary

*NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 5, 7:15 pm*