

MINUTES
Central Iowa Symphony Board
May 5, 2009

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

Administrative

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

The minutes for the meeting of April 7 were approved.

Treasurer Ringwald distributed a budget review reporting the income and expenses for April. The budget report was approved. In response to a query about grant support, Foster-Wendel summarized the grant-writing she has done and reviewed some possible sources of additional grants money.

Nominating committee

Speaking for the Nominating committee, McCoy presented the committee's recommendation of the following slate of officers for the 2009-2010 season:

President: Sam Wormley
Vice-president: Carrie Forbes
Secretary: Karl Gwiasda
Treasurer: Jane Ringwald.

2009-2010 Budget

McCoy noted that the Board officers will be preparing a budget to be presented at next month's meeting of the board. In reply to a question from McCoy, McIntyre said that he believed the amounts budgeted for soloists and music rentals during the current season would suffice for the coming season as well.

Orchestra and concerts

Season Wrap-up

McCoy thanked all the board members for the work that each has done during the past season. She also thanked Markley for the time and effort that she put into decorating the room for the reception following the April 25 concert.

Calendar for next season

McCoy reported that the concert calendar tentatively set at the last meeting needed to be changed because of various conflicts that have been uncovered. The newly proposed dates are these:

Saturday, October 10 (evening)
Saturday, December 5 (evening)
Saturday, March 6 (evening)
Saturday, May 8 (evening)

Foster-Wendel will check with Mike King to determine the availability of the Auditorium on the revised dates. Also, because the December concert ("Sounds of the Season") tends to draw a large youth audience, the starting-time may be moved from the customary 7:30 to 7 pm.

McIntyre said that he would be available for and was in favor of resuming the pre-concert conversations that had been suspended during the seasons of guest conductors. These pre-concert sessions will be included in the coming season

Summer concert

Wormley summarized the options for a summer concert this year. After discussing the preparations that would be necessary, the board concluded that too little time remained to undertake organizing an orchestral concert for late July or early August. Instead, the board approved McIntyre's suggestion that an orchestral concert be scheduled for summer 2010. Wormley will look into the availability of the bandshell on the Thursday following the last of next year's summer band concerts. Wormley also will speak to Pat McFarland to see if the CIS Brass Quintet would be available for a performance during summer 2009 so that the CIS would maintain some degree of visibility during the between-season hiatus.

Supporting the orchestra

New board members

McCoy noted that the recruitment of new board members is still of paramount importance. She also observed that no reception had ever been held for the members who were recently added. To correct that omission, the board will hold a reception at Foster-Wendel's home on July 7 at 6:30. (The reception will be followed by a business meeting.) The hope is that there will be additional new members to welcome along with those already made part of the board.

Brochures

As a possible cost-saving measure, the board decided that the concert playbills need no longer have the more costly multi-color covers that were used in the last two seasons. The board was, however, in favor of continuing to make the season brochures as attractive as possible. Wormley and Fultz will look into the costs and options for an eye-catching season brochure that might, in addition, be coupled with a poster advertising the full season. McIntyre will be included in deciding the best option that takes into account both attractiveness and cost.

Publicity

Fultz will contact *The Tribune* to determine the paper's interest in running a feature, either now or later this year, on the orchestra's appointment of a new conductor. McIntyre said that he would be available for an interview this month or in the fall or at both times. Ideally, the CIS might receive coverage both in the next few weeks and just ahead of the new season.

2009-2010 Season

McIntyre outlined some possibilities for programming and soloists during the coming season. Nothing as yet is set as definite, but the board was wholly in favor of continuing with the plans that McIntyre proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Karl Gwiasda
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 2, 7:15 pm