

MINUTES
Central Iowa Symphony Board
January 5, 2010

Attending: Sam Wormley (presiding), Kathleen Foster-Wendel, Karl Gwiasda, Donita McCoy
Ex officio: Eric McIntyre

Administrative

President Wormley called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

The minutes for the December 1 meeting were approved.

Wormley distributed copies of the budget review that Treasurer Ringwald had forwarded to him. In a note, Ringwald remarked that the budget was in good shape but added a caution that the board should not spend any money unnecessarily.

Music Director's report

McIntyre reported that the Fort Dodge Symphony likes the idea of doing a joint concert with the CIS but has encountered an unexpected snag: no large enough venue is available for a performance in October. A search is under way, however, for a site that could serve the purpose.

McIntyre said that enough information should be at hand by the next meeting to enable the CIS board to prepare a tentative schedule for the 2010-11 season. The CIS will wish to avoid scheduling conflicts with other music organizations—in particular, with the Des Moines Symphony and Ames Town & Gown.

Young Artists competition

McCoy reported that 18 applicants have registered for the YA auditions: 7 violinists, 3 cellists, 4 pianists, 2 oboists, 1 flutist, and 1 clarinetist. The auditions will begin at 9 am and will last till about 3, with a lunch break from 11:45 to 1. Fultz and Foster-Wendel have volunteered to be on hand to help in whatever way is needed. Wormley will be taking photographs.

Payments to musicians

As a step towards fashioning a more consistent scheme for determining payments to players, McCoy outlined the present procedures and identified certain anomalies that have arisen. The board examined various options that might be adopted, but no decisions will be taken until McCoy and McIntyre report on their completed review.

Grants

Foster-Wendel reported that COTA awarded the CIS a grant of \$8849. This award is higher than last year's, possibly owing to the board's decision to provide free admission to school-age children during the coming season.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Karl Gwiasda, secretary

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, February 2 at 7:15