

**MINUTES**  
**Central Iowa Symphony Board**  
**June 1, 2010**

Attending: Carrie Forbes (presiding), Kathleen Foster-Wendel, Karl Gwiasda, Julienne Krennrich, Donita McCoy, Jennifer Musgrove, Jane Ringwald  
*Ex officio:* Margaret Johnson, Janet Klaas, Eric McIntyre

**Administrative**

Vice-President Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

The minutes for the May 4 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's report.**

Treasurer Ringwald distributed budget reviews for April and May. At this point, about \$1000 in costs has yet to be paid, while the \$9000 grant from COTA is still to be received. After an adjustment for those values, the season will show a loss of about \$7000, a sum roughly equal to the drop in donations between the previous season and the present one. This observation led to a discussion of ways that CIS might make itself better known within the local area.

Musgrove said that she was willing to join with one or two colleagues to perform musical pieces in public places, like the Farmers' Market or Main Street, as a way to publicize the orchestra. She asked for the board's approval to pursue the plan. She got it. Klaas suggested the CIS brochures be distributed at classes offered by OLLI (former College for Seniors). Additionally, area music teachers should be provided with brochures or flyers as a way of encouraging attendance by younger people. Next season, students (K-12) will be admitted free. It will be important to make this policy widely known.

McIntyre remarked that the CIS Website needs a facelift. For one thing, the graphic content should be reduced so that the site downloads faster. Some information of no interest to the general public, like rehearsal schedules and meeting minutes, should be password-protected, while information that the public would seek, such as the programs for the season's concerts, needs to be added. Overall, the site should be made simpler and more attractive.

**New members**

Forbes introduced Janet Klaas and Margaret Johnson, who are joining the board. By unanimous vote, the board approved the addition of Klaas, Johnson, and Barbara Matthies to the board beginning July 1.

**Conductor's report**

McIntyre distributed an outline of the programming for the 2010-2011 season. For the December "Sounds of the Season" concert, he would like to include a marionette show. The board approved his looking into the availability and affordability of the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theater. Should a marionette show prove impracticable, the December concert might instead involve dancers.

McIntyre said that the Octagon responded favorably to the idea of combining a display of visual art with the May concert. For that concert, McIntyre has chosen pieces likely to stimulate a visual response. Through iTunes, the board could purchase downloads of at least the lesser known pieces and supply the Octagon with CDs of those works so that the visual artists could become familiar with them.

**Fall Gala**

Forbes reported that she and Fultz will be meeting to plan and arrange the Fall Gala. (At the present time, Fultz is out of town.)

**Website**

By memo, Wormley reported that the rehearsal schedule for the 2010-2011 season has been posted on the Website. McIntyre confirmed that he does plan to hold the first rehearsal on August 23. (For other matters concerning the Website, see the "Treasurer's report" section.)

**Summer concert**

McIntyre said that he estimates the personnel cost for the summer concert to be \$2300. This figure includes the cost for soloists. The costs for the bandshell and for rehearsal space are separate. McIntyre said that he would like to have three rehearsals. He is thinking of a program that would run about an hour, which is the length of the summertime band concerts.

**Other business**

Foster-Wendel reported that Mike King has notified her that the CIS will have to move its timpani from the Auditorium during the summer. He has no suitable space for storing the instruments. McCoy will look into finding a safe place to keep them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Karl Gwiasda, secretary

*NEXT MEETING:*  
Tuesday, July 6 at 7:15