

Des Moines Community Orchestra
Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting
February 16, 2025

Board Members Present: Kevin Allemagne, Curtis Barr, Krista Baskerville, Larry Brennan, Rebekah Hickok (portion of meeting), Shaunda Murphy.

Board Members Absent: Nick Brown

Non-Board Members Present: Carl Johnson, Fred Lange (portion of meeting).

- I. Call to Order
- II. Fred Lange, Discussed some of the CIWE Financial Management Strategies to determine if some would be beneficial to DMCO.
 - a. Fred recommends reading *The Cycle* by Michael Kaiser to assist with better understanding arts management.
 - b. CIWE is currently working with Ferrone Olson, LLC for arts management assistance. The Board may look into procuring their services.
 - c. During this portion of the meeting, possible concert audience venues were discussed, including nursing homes.
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2025, Board Meeting
 - a. Tabled
- IV. Financial Report
 - a. Larry motioned for approval of financial report submitted by Shaunda, Krista 2nd the motion.
 - i. Financial report was unanimously approved.
 - b. Shaunda is working on grant applications. Board provided recommendations in terms of equipment needs for the orchestra.
 - c. Shaunda reminded the board of the need to track the inventory of orchestra owned instruments. Rebekah will contact Laura Appenzeller and Angela Sass to follow-up about the bass clarinet and English Horn.
- V. Membership Report
 - a. Krista reported no significant changes or new information.

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VI. Marketing and Media Reports

- a. Carl, Greg, and Rebekah have been/will be doing interviews with tv and radio for the Winter 2025 concert.
- b. Carl provided some insight regarding the theme of the Spring 2025 concert for marketing/poster purposes.
- c. Carl mentioned he would like to perform Shostakovich, which may have some cost associated with it; and, if it does, Carl plans to cover the cost of this music through the director's funds or his own personal financial resources.
- d. Carl was informed during this time of DMCO's desire to have a luncheon for him with orchestra members and select others on Saturday, May 9th following the Spring 2025 Concert Dress Rehearsal. Venue is to be determined. Carl will provide the Board with a list of non-current orchestra members he would like to attend.

VII. President's Report, Kevin Allemagne

- a. The Board decided that the orchestra will begin rehearsal on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, for the Spring 2025 concert; however, there will be no rehearsal schedule on March 11th and 18th due to Spring Break. There will be a strings only sectional on March 25th.
- b. Update on collaboration with Tallgrass Theatre for Summer 2025 musical.
 - i. The Board agreed to have Kevin contact potential conductors for this performance.
- c. Small ensembles update.
 - i. Woodwind Quintet personnel are selected, and will likely begin working on the repertoire during the summer of 2025.
 - ii. String quartet personnel are still being worked on.
- d. Update on Conductor Search
 - i. The Board will plan to meet with each of the candidates in March to work on programming for the 2025-2026 season. Potential soloists are being considered by each candidate.

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- e. Kevin updated the Board regarding the concert dates for 2025-2026 season. We are waiting on the contract from Drake to be submitted to us. The concerts are tentatively scheduled for the following dates:
 - October 26, 2025
 - February 22, 2026
 - May 3, 2026
- VIII. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Clive.
- IX. Adjournment