



2019-2020 Season – October 19, 2019 – Board Meeting

11:48 am Call to Order

- Board members present:
 - Mike Ramirez (President)
 - Laura McNulty (Vice President)
 - Angela Sass (Secretary)
 - Carolyn Knittle (Treasurer)
 - Hoang Bui (Social)
- Carl Johnson (Music Director) was also present.
- Krista Baskerville (Membership Oversight) and James Sasek (Fundraising) were not present

Secretary's Report – Angela Sass - Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes were reviewed as posted on the DMCO website/distributed via email. There were no objections, and the minutes were accepted into official record.

Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Knittle

The Treasurer's report was distributed via email and in paper during the meeting.

Carolyn presented the current financials and the year-end financials (fiscal year-end 8/31/19). The year-end financials were accepted into final record by a unanimous vote.

The BMI membership paperwork has been filed, but not paid yet.

Carolyn purchased insurance on the trailer. Mike Ramirez reported that the locks on the trailer were cut off; as such we need new locks. Carolyn needs the schedule of equipment for the insurance company. We performed an inventory in 2014 which needs to be updated.

The Treasurer's report was accepted into official record.

Grants Report – James Sasek

James provided the grants update via email. We completed the submission of the annual Bravo grant work.

Carolyn mentioned the Prairie Meadows grant, for which the paperwork is due in January. For this grant we need to request funds for a specific purpose. Orchestra bells might be an option. These cost around \$4500 with shipping.

The Wells Fargo grant application opens in December, and Bankers Trust has a quarterly grant.

Membership Oversight – Krista Baskerville

Krista provided the membership report update via email. As of the date of this meeting, 17 member dues were outstanding for the Fall concert. Krista did have a couple people mention that they would pay online, but Krista does not have access to those donations.

The question was brought up during the meeting, when are we considering dues to be due (at what point is a person required to pay dues)? Is this clearly defined? If a person begins rehearsing with the group for a concert, there is expense for music and/or copies – at times, extra parts are ordered. This will be further discussed at the next Board meeting, or will call a special meeting.

Social report – Hoang Bui

The Fall concert social refreshments have been ordered. Hoang decided on popcorn for the circus-themed concert. Expenses were charged on the DMCO credit card.

Old Business

Angela Sass contacted Brian Kinnan and Fred Lange regarding the advertising that is done for the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble. Brian and Fred both had email feedback that Angela shared with the Board. It was discussed that Kris Shay has been working on advertising and doing a great job. Kris should be involved in any conversations we have about advertising.

The discussion continued about the need to deaden the sound in our rehearsal space at Grace with carpet squares. We cannot do this until January, as we need to take pictures of the current flooring to submit for historic reasons first.

New Business

Laura McNulty reported that the English horn might need to be sent away for repairs. We have sent the bass clarinet to Tenor Madness. Laura has sent her oboe to Midwest Musical Imports.

Greg Woolever emailed a question to Mike, Carl and Angela regarding how Board members are elected to a specific office. Mike provided the bylaws which state the officers will be elected by the Board of Directors, annually.

Tim McMillin is still planning on being the guest conductor for the 2019 Messiah. Tim has been in contact with Greg Woolever with the bios of the soloists.

Carl is working with our contacts at the Iowa Shakespeare experience on the February Winter concert.

The May Spring concert will be all premieres.

It is policy at Grace United Methodist Church that doors are locked at night. This will affect the Ballet as the percussion equipment is brought back Saturday late at night. We will need to make plans with Grace to ensure we can enter.

For our Fall 2020 concert, the idea of a Fantasy concert has been discussed with IPTV. IPTV is on board, but we need to figure out music.

Discussion was had regarding members missing dress rehearsals. If someone needs to miss a dress rehearsal, especially a principal player, it would be helpful if someone else has the part and can play it at dress rehearsal. The Board will revisit the attendance policy at the next Board meeting to discuss what is in place that we are currently not enforcing. Additional discussion was had around appointing a personnel director who would take attendance at rehearsals.

Date set for next meeting – December 3rd 6:30 pm Gilroys

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm.