



2019-2020 Season – January 25, 2020 – Board Meeting

6:38 pm Call to Order

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

Secretary's Report – Angela Aldridge - 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, which included the current financials.

DMCO received the first quarterly payment from Bravo.

One member utilized the scholarship to cover dues for the Fall 2019 concert. Members can come to any Board member to utilize scholarships to cover dues.

The group discussed the Director's fund. Carl Johnson is paid \$400 per concert as Music Director. Carl then graciously pays the orchestra back \$400 for each concert. Carl is able to direct the usage of these funds.

Move to accept the Treasurer's report and current financials. The Treasurer's report and current financials were accepted into official record.

Grants Report – James Sasek

James was not present at this meeting.

The Prairie Meadows grant is due February 28. For this grant we need to request funds for a specific purpose, which includes providing evidence of the cost of the

project/acquisition. We would like to apply for this grant for the purchase of orchestra bells. These cost around \$4500 with shipping. The last time we applied for this grant was two years ago for the purchase of the trailer.

Membership Oversight – Krista Baskerville

Regarding Winter concert dues, 12 performers did not pay dues. Carl Johnson will review the list of people who did not pay dues, as subs are not required to pay dues and there were multiple subs for the Winter concert.

Social report – Hoang Bui

For the Winter concert, Hoang increased the order for the reception from the usual order, which appeared adequate. Hoang received one request, to move the drinks to a different table. Hoang will inquire.

Attendance count for the Winter concert was approximately 270.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Carl Johnson was very impressed by the Winter concert. Carl received many positive comments from audience members from the concert. Carl will send Angela a message to send to the orchestra regarding the concert.

Greg Woolever did a great job working with the Iowa Shakespeare Experience for the inserts in the concert program.

Thank you to Laura McNulty for bringing in members of the SAI music fraternity alumni chapter for ushering (handing out programs, holding doors, audience count). The Board needs to send a thank you note to SAI. Mike Ramirez is looking into lobby bells. Mike Ramirez is also looking into the possibility of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members assisting with the percussion moving.

Mike Ramirez will work with KCWI, KCCI and WOI for future concert promotions. Carolyn Knittle will work with WHO.

Facebook could be further utilized for advertising by creating events. We believe Greg Valentine has access to do this. Angela Aldridge will contact Greg to ask if he is willing to create events for concerts going forward.

An email was received by Carolyn Knittle from Rod Dougherty (Co-Property Chair at Grace United Methodist). The message stated that due to budget issues, Grace is

reviewing all agreements with groups utilizing space in the building. Rod attached their standard rental fees including Wesley Hall, which is listed at \$100 minimum for ½ day. Carolyn responded back with the history on how much DMCO provides to the church as far as instrument, chair and cabinet usage and has not received further response from Rod.

Carl discussed the 2020-2021 DMCO season:

- Carl is meeting with our contact from Drake soon to select concert dates for next season.
- Fall concert – with Iowa Public Television (IPTV)
 - Need to figure out pieces that are short enough to keep the interest of children.
 - Thinking “animated” or “fantasy” theme.
 - Carl and Mike are compiling a list of music possibilities.
- Messiah
 - Need to promote more men singers in the audience. One idea is to contact church choirs regarding this performance.
- Ballet – Peter Pan
- Winter
 - Beethoven’s Choral Fantasy, along with Beethoven’s 8th Symphony potentially.
 - Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble has agreed to perform the Choral Fantasy with us, if the concert date works for them.
- Spring
 - Mozart Sinfonia Concertante
 - Julie Henson (assistant concertmaster with the Des Moines Symphony) will be playing with us, potentially with Jonathan Sturm on viola.
- 2021-2022 season
 - Potentially for the Winter or Spring concert – Dan Navarro travels around the country performing for house parties, and Carl Johnson went to school with him. Potentially a concert that includes Dan singing with the orchestra.

Date set for next meeting – April 11th between Ballet performances, location TBD

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.