



2020-2021 Season – February 14, 2021

2:01 pm Call to Order

- Board members present:
 - Michael Ramirez - President
 - Angela Aldridge - Secretary
 - Carolyn Knittle - Treasurer
 - Hoang Bui – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Social
 - Krista Baskerville – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Membership Oversight
- Board members not present: Laura McNulty (Vice President), Rich Gordley (Board member At-Large with duties to be assigned)
- Carl Johnson (Music Director) was also present

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting

Minutes were reviewed as distributed via email. There were no objections, and the minutes were accepted into official record.

Treasurer's report: CAROLYN

Michael Ramirez (President and Chairman) noted before the meeting that the Treasurer's duty to report during this meeting was waived due to the failure of the Chairman to deliver the mail to the Treasurer in a timely manner as the result of numerous factors. Carolyn said she will send the financials to the Board once all receipts have been deposited.

Carolyn reported that DMCO received \$130 during David Hindal's memorial service.

Carolyn also reported that the quarterly payment was made to our webmaster John Sens.

Grants Report

Carolyn Knittle submitted the Bravo Greater Des Moines grant. Carolyn noted that Bravo plans on a distribution in April and then maybe another one during the year. Carolyn received confirmation that Bravo received Carolyn's submission.

Social Report: HOANG

Carl Johnson noted we received a message via our DMCO Facebook page that Nola Hewus, the sole bassoonist in the first years of DMCO, passed away the week of 2/8. The Board discussed sending something to the family and asked Hoang to research what we can send, be it a card, flowers or a memorial to an organization. If flowers, a memorial or a different gift, the dollar range should be around \$50. Michael moved for unanimous consent for Hoang to make a purchase in memory of Nola within the guidelines discussed by the Board. Hearing no objections, so moved.

Set date for next meeting

2 pm Sunday, April 11th, via Zoom.

Report of the Music Director

Carl Johnson asked the Board to discuss where and how DMCO will be able to perform again. Carl also noted that normally he would be thinking about dates for the next season soon to discuss with Drake. Carl told Drake we would not be performing a Winter concert, but we still have a Spring concert date at Drake in May.

Carl suggested the possibility of a summer series. We could possibly perform two concerts this summer with 4-6 weeks of rehearsals for each. This would help catch us up on concerts he has planned that we haven't performed and would bring the group back together. Iowa PBS has told Carl they could be involved also.

Regarding next season, Michael stated we should start looking at dates for the Fall concert, reserving the fact that the Fall concert may still be virtual. Franklin also seems fairly open with dates if we would like to have that as a second option.

It was decided that Carl would check with our contact at Franklin for dates in May, and also in the summer. Carl will also secure dates for the 2021-2022 season with Drake, knowing we may still need to back out for the Fall concert.

Carl discussed the three concerts we have had to postpone:

- Beethoven's Choral Fantasy (with choir), pairing with Beethoven's 8th Symphony.
 - We are not sure how this could happen with live streaming from Franklin.
- Jonathan Sturm/Julie Fox Henson playing the Mozart Sinfonia. This concert could also include our tribute to David Hindal (mainly Wagner).
 - A concern with performing this one before we are back to "normal" is the expense of this concert.
- Concert of new music – commission works, premieres, etc. This concert could also include our tribute to David Hindal (mainly Wagner).
 - This could be our first concert. The composers are anxious for us to play their music. This concert should not cost much as we already own some of the music.

Carl also discussed concerts he has not mentioned to the Board yet:

- Music For Big Band and Symphony Orchestra (Milcho Leviev)
 - Carl has acquired the music for this. Would for sure be a US premiere. This would include a jazz band playing with us.
- Carl knew Mary Fettig (jazz saxophonist) when he was at UCLA. Mary lives in the Bay area. Carl got in touch with her and asked if she would be interested in performing with DMCO. She responded yes, and suggested Escapades for Alto Saxophone and Orchestra by John Williams. She also recommended The Symphonic Dances by Rachmaninov, which we own.

- Carl knew Dave Navarro's (Red Hot Chili Peppers) cousin who does solo guitar. He would like to perform some of his pieces with DMCO. This is still in the conversation mode as someone will need to arrange his pieces with orchestra first.
- One of Carl's former band students has a relative who is an amazing violinist and lives in New York. He has a trio and writes pieces. The thought is the trio could come and play with us. The trio is going to be in Chicago or Minneapolis this October.

Michael asked for a roll call of the Board for the comfort level of performing a May and/or summer concert. These concerts would be similar to our concert in November 2020 where we perform together, with a virtual audience.

- Michael – yay
- Angela – yay
- Carolyn – yay
- Krista – yay
- The motion passed with a simple majority.

The next step is to send a survey out with both options to our DMCO roster. Carl is also going to price both auditoriums with concert/rehearsals at Franklin. Carl will notify the Board if he receives dates.

Unfinished Business

Angela reported no unfinished business.

New Business

DMCO is required to have an annual meeting. We are bound by bylaws to have a meeting the Tuesday following our last concert of the fiscal season, with a quorum being at least 50% or more dues paying members who participated in our last concert. We determined the annual meeting date to be May 4th. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Angela will send a message to our DMCO roster to ensure we have a quorum.

Announcements

No other announcements.

Any further business – for the good of the order

None.

Adjourn

Michael motioned to adjourn at 2:58 pm.