



2021-2022 Season – May 4, 2021 – First New Board Meeting

7:12 pm Call to Order

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

Opening remarks of the Chair

There are three Board seats coming up for rotation this year:

- Carolyn Knittle – has decided to continue
- Laura McNulty – has decided to continue
- Krista Baskerville – has decided to continue

Election of New Officers

Michael asked if any Board member wished to change their position. There were no comments. Michael reminded us that we only vote on the officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer).

Michael motioned to accept the full slate as-is. The vote was motioned, and seconded. All voted yes. The Board is set as follows:

- Michael Ramirez - President
- Laura McNulty – Vice President
- Angela Aldridge - Secretary
- Carolyn Knittle – Treasurer and Grants
- Hoang Bui – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Social
- Krista Baskerville – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Membership Oversight
- Rich Gordley - Board member At-Large with duties to be assigned

Set date for next Board meeting

June 19th immediately following the dress rehearsal (noon), at Franklin Junior High. This will include a tour of the Franklin facilities and a short Board meeting.

Review of Annual Meeting

Michael noted it was a challenging season to recap as it was a season that not much happened.

Michael mentioned the videographer for our June 2021 concert. He has a call out to the one that was recommended to us but we have not received a quote yet.

There were no exceptions from anyone during the annual meeting to having a live/virtual concert for our June 2021 concert; as such, Michael moved that we open up the concert to audience members if they wish to attend. The audience members would need to be masked and socially distanced from people they did not come to the concert with. This was moved to a vote with all in favor to raise your hands – unanimous yes vote from all the participants. This will be advertised as a “Hybrid” concert. Carl Johnson will speak to this in the letter to the podium. We need to make sure Iowa PBS is aware of this (need a press release). We also need to make sure this is put on our Facebook page and DMCO website. Carl will send the Iowa PBS contact a note on this and copy Michael and Angela.

The Board discussed the concept of looking at Franklin in a more permanent light regarding our rehearsals/concerts. For our next Board meeting, we are planning on meeting with Tim so he can provide us a tour and answer our questions. This will occur directly after our June 19th dress rehearsal. This would not be a quick and easy decision – it would need to occur over a series of Board meetings. Carolyn asked if they have posted rates for use of their facilities? All we know is what Franklin has quoted us for the times we have used the facilities. Carl mentioned we need a list of pros and cons of each place. The Board should send Michael our thoughts on pros/cons before the June 19th Board meeting. Carl will contact Tim at Franklin regarding the tour. Carolyn will figure out our equipment situation with Grace and inform the Board. Parking of the trailer is a consideration too.

Carl mentioned having a reception at the end of our June 2021 concert. Michael said we would need individually wrapped cookies/brownies and water bottles and juice boxes.

Do we need programs for the June 2021 concert? We discussed doing a QR code (similar to the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble) so we would not need printed programs. Carl to contact Greg Woolever about possibly putting together a program to convert into a PDF, then John Sens could put it on our website and provide the QR code.

Hoang’s daughter would like to donate her artistic services for our programs instead of charging us. Michael noted she would be an in-kind donor.

Unfinished Business

As there were no further comments/questions, Michael asked Angela if there was any unfinished business. Angela reported no unfinished business.

New Business

No new business was noted.

Anything else for the good of the order

Carolyn and Michael discussed the \$500 deposit requested by Drake and also that Drake's cost is increasing again. Michael said he will follow-up with his Drake contact to see if the deposit is required, however it does appear it is required per the contract.

Carolyn has sent hand-written thank-yous to people who have donated to the orchestra through David Hindal's memorial. We are endowing the third-horn chair for David.

Adjournment

Michael motioned to adjourn at 7:59 pm.