



2021-2022 Season – July 9, 2021

7:49 pm Call to Order

- Board members present:
 - 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
- Carl Johnson (Music Director) was also present.

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting

The last Board meeting occurred on May 4, 2021. Minutes from that meeting were distributed via email on May 16, 2021. There were no objections, and the minutes were accepted into official record.

Treasurer's and Grants Report: CAROLYN

A \$1500 grant was received from Farm Bureau. This grant will be utilized towards the Fall 2021 concert.

Social Report: HOANG

The Board noted that Hoang did an excellent job on the reception for the June 2021 concert at Franklin Jr High.

It was discussed that for the first rehearsal for the Fall concert, we could have a quick rehearsal and ice cream sandwiches/etc. after rehearsal.

Set date for next meeting

TBD

Recap of June 2021 concert

Mike Ramirez noted there was good audience attendance.

Carolyn Knittle noted that she had shared the link for the concert with David Hindal's brother who lives on the east coast. His brother emailed Carolyn and let her know that he loved the concert.

New Business

Mike Ramirez turned the meeting over to Carl Johnson, who wanted to discuss the 2021-2022 season. Subsequent to the meeting, Carl provided the "21_07_09_DMCO 2021-22 Season" document which details out the season.

The Fall concert is a new music concert. Abby Brown from Iowa PBS is on board for this concert. This is not really a children's concert but we can steer it that way creatively, especially being the concert is actually on Oct 31. We have paid for some of this music as commission already. We should be able to have three of the composers there in person.

The Messiah will be on Dec 5th. We will be able to leave everything out between Saturday and Sunday morning. The Board discussed who will be conducting the Messiah. This coming season is Carl Johnson's 20th year as the DMCO conductor. This is a great reason for Carl to conduct. Carl will begin looking for singers.

The Ballet is being replaced with a joint concert with the Roosevelt High School orchestra (April 2022).

The Spring concert will cost us some money, including airfare and a fee for performance (Mary Fettig, alto sax). Mary will be able to join for the dress rehearsal and concert. We are offering Mary \$1000 plus airfare.

We will be performing a bonus concert in early June 2022. This will be with the Community Jazz Center Big Band. Do we need to look into adding this concert into the contract with Drake?

The Board then moved on to discussing moving rehearsals and performances to Franklin Jr High (not any time before the 2022-2023 season). Carl had the following thoughts:

- We need to compare the costs of Grace/Sheslow to Franklin, including the after-concert receptions.
- We need to consider how loud the rooms we want will be. They may be available, but how loud is the heat register?

Angela will inquire with the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble regarding their use of Franklin. Do they have a contract? Where are they storing instruments/music? Where are they rehearsing and performing? How are they paying – per rehearsal/event or is it a year-long contract?

Laura noted the biggest item for her is needing a draft contract. Everything needs to be put into a contract.

The Board noted that we will consider the 2021-2022 season a time to continue gathering information. We are committed with Drake for the 2021-2022 season. We need to come up with the total cost at Drake for the three concerts, plus our costs with Grace, and present this to Tim at Franklin. We should also discuss with Drake if we should expect the cost increases to continue.

Mike Ramirez proposed we put together our total costs and figure out the cost breaking point on when we would need to have another option besides Drake.

The Board then moved on to discussing the carpet squares for Grace. Ideally, we should find someone who knows about carpet laying. Grace should select the day and we should see if Grace has people who know about carpet laying. Then we can send the date to the orchestra. Carolyn will speak to our contact Ann at Grace about this.

Also, Grace is wondering if there are there any Tuesdays that we do not rehearse? We typically take off the week of Thanksgiving, and also the Tuesday of Spring Break week.

Don Opperthausen reached out to Carl with an offer to help out the orchestra, with specialties in librarian and treasurer. We will send Don a thank-you, and let him know if there are openings in those positions in the future or other ways to assist we will let him know.

Martha Gerstenberger recently passed away. Angela will send a message to the orchestra.

Mike Ramirez noted he will write his President's letter to be distributed before the Fall concert rehearsals begin.

Anything further business - for the good of the order

None.

Adjournment

Michael motioned to adjourn at 9:14 pm.