

Des Moines Community Orchestra
Bord of Directors Meeting
November 23, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes

- I. Called to order – by Kevin at 1:15PM
- II. Board Members in attendance: Kevin Allemagne, Krista Baskerville, Larry Brennan, Rebekah Hickok, Nick Brown, Shaunda Murphy, Curtis Barr
- III. Opening Remarks from the President, Kevin Allemagne –
- IV. Secretary’s Report, Rebekah Hickok – Shauneen is going to update our database to try to get all our new people’s information. A sign up will be distributed at Tuesday night’s rehearsal.
- V. Treasurer’s Report, Shaunda Murphy – Shaunda has no financial report to distribue. Shaunda and Kevin are meeting with West bank about moving our accounts. We are interested in them because they provide grant money and they also have meeting space we could use for board meetings. They may be interested in sponsoring a concert at some point as well.
- VI. Reports from Standing Sub Committees:
 - a. Membership, Krista Baskerville – Still some outstanding dues. Rebekah will forward Krista the emails of those who haven’t paid yet. There are no endowed chairs at this time. It’s been removed from the program. Angela Sass has donated \$2,500 from her United Way to endow a chair. Jonathan suggested people would be very interested in endowing a chair. Perhaps work with Sophia Ahmad in the future on a fundraising campaign.
 - b. Social, Shaunda Murphy – Cost of all food/water is increasing about 25%. We will budget \$375 for all the concerts combined.
 - c. Marketing, Kevin Allemagne – Jonathan and Kevin are doing an interview on Friday morning on Channel 5 on We Are Iowa. The programs are set and will be sent to Nick’s home. Donation envelopes are in the percussion cabinet. Rebekah will bring them to the dress rehearsal and check on our current supply. There has been a change in the conductor for the Messiah. Dr. James Thompson, from DMAACC, is conducting. We have 3 of the 4 soloists secured. We just need a baritone. We may need to buy some extra parts for the Messiah. We may need a keyboardist as well. The Messiah rehearsal schedule has changed a little and needs to be put on our website. In regards to our other upcoming candidates, Joshua’s rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 6th and Kara’s will begin on Tuesday, March 24th. John Sens will update this on our website. It is going to cost about \$500 to use

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Jonah's contact to record our fall concert. Kevin will talk to Drake to see if they can record it for us. We need to revisit the cabinet claim issue. Larry will take on the claim issue. He already got a quote from Wenger for new doors at \$5,600. Larry will now move forward with filing the insurance claim.

- VII. President's Report, Kevin Allemagne –
- VIII. Additional Issues/Concerns: Jonathan shared his survey results with us and left the hard copies with Rebekah. We discussed trying to move our rehearsal space in the future. Jonathan also shared a few other ideas about endowments, fundraising, and networking.
- IX. Next Board Meeting – Sunday, November 16th at 1PM
- X. Adjournment – Kevin adjourned the meeting at 2:57PM