

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra

Board Meeting

January 10, 2007 6:30 PM at Symphony Center & Gallery 614 Lincolnway

Members present: Marcia Morris, Ted Taylor, Andrea Taylor, Joe Goepfrich, Cheryl Ferguson, Elizabeth Dekker, Jerry Huddleston, John Cannon, Mike Drayton, Lee Rardin , Phil Bauman, Jo Fran Bendix, Chuck Steck, Ray Grivetti, Sheryl Edwards, Kevin LeCavalier, Leigh Morris, Meg Rodgers, Kathleen Lange

Marcia Morris (Board President) – Opened meeting at 6:30 PM
Minutes approved from November 8, 2006 meeting.

President's Report

- The musicians enjoyed the Christmas cards they received from the Symphony.
- Chuck Steck was welcomed and told us about himself.

Financial Report (Board Treasurer-Joe Goepfrich)

- Please refer to your handouts or read them online at the Symphony website.
- Reviewed balance sheet which should be accurate through January 10, 2007.
- Reviewed income statement.
- Distributed financial statement for each concert (Childrens, Pops Classique and Holiday Concert).

Committee Report – Fund Development –Leigh Morris

- We are still \$5,000 short in concert grants.
- We are in need of \$3,000 for the February chamber concert
- They are working on prospect lists and would like each board member to come up with a list of ten people they can contact. (Lists can be emailed to Cheryl)
- Refer to handout, “What Can You Do To Help The Orchestra?” Leigh reviewed this with us.

Committee Report – Hoosier Star – Sheryl Edwards

- Applications for auditions are out as are the event sponsor packages. Horizon Bank is sponsoring for \$5,000 NIPSCO is a possible \$7,500. We need two more \$5,000 sponsors .
- We have six judges and are working on one more.
- We still need celebrity judges.
- Advertising is on track.
- Nineteen orchestra members have committed to playing and key people have agreed to participate again.

Music Director's Report (Phil Bauman)

- Holiday Pops Concert went very well. Logistics went very well including choirs provided by Matt Nelson. He will be helping with March concert.
- February chamber concert is moving forward until told to stop for lack of funds. Meg Rodgers will play, along with a string quintet and brass quartet.

- The Family Concert (February 24) will be sports related music. Phil gave the Concert Committee suggestions with many activities listed for the preconcert.
- The March concert plans are going well. The young artists will perform and Chuck will be conducting one of the pieces.
- All February and March concerts will be held in Michigan City.

Assistant Music Director's Report (Chuck Steck)

- March concert work has begun and he is excited about conducting.

Executive Director's Report (Cheryl Ferguson)

- Refer to her handout.
- Discussed Christine Ward's resignation. Would like to fill position with an intern.

Personnel/Operations Director's Report (Lee Rardin)

- Has contacted all contracted musicians regarding rest of season
- Working with Artistic Committee on planning next year's season

Public Relations (Christine Ward)

- Refer to her handout.

Committee Reports

- Young Artist – The auditions will be May 12 at the Presbyterian Church
Letters regarding auditions have gone out and the press releases will be going out.
- Artistic Committee – Committee met in November. The general framework for next year's season is done. The framework will be presented to the Executive Committee and they will await their feedback.

Marcia commented on the following:

- News Dispatch entertainment reporter wants to interview Leigh.
- Need volunteers for all the concerts. Please say "yes" if you are called.
- Gallery – Jo Fran has a whole year of events planned. Many local artists are showing work.
- Executive Committee to meet to discuss building lease from McGue's.

Orchestra Representative Report (Jo Fran Bendix and Meg Rodgers)

- Musicians were grateful for use of building on concert days.
- Musicians have enjoyed performing at the concerts thus far.
- Next Gallery opening is February 2.

Old Business

- Cheryl needs to make sure everyone's information is correct. A sheet was passed around for everyone to review.

New Business

- Ray Grivetti commented on PNC's plans for an Activities Conference Center. The public is urged to contact their legislators and request them to provide the needed

funding and bonding authority for this facility. A motion was made and passed to use our database for promotion of this issue. A basic letter will be available for us to use to contact these people. (Refer to Action Alert handout).

Dates to Remember:

- Chamber Concert – February 11
- Family Concert – February 24, 3:00 pm at Elston
- Friends of Symphony Luncheon – February 13, Noon, Blue Heron Inn
- **Next Board Meeting – March 14, 2007, 6:30 pm – Symphony Center**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Submitted by Andrea Taylor, Secretary