

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra

Board Meeting

March 14, 2007 6:30 PM at Symphony Center & Gallery 614 Lincolnway

Members present: Marcia Morris, Cheryl Ferguson, Lee Rardin, Phil Bauman, Jo Fran Bendix, Leigh Morris, Mike Drayton, Joe Goepfrich, Elizabeth Dekker, Kathleen Lang, John Cannon, Ray Grivetti, Sheryl Edwards

Marcia Morris (Board President) – Opened meeting at 6:30 PM. Introduction of Kellene Urbaniak – Administrative Assistant – will be in office Thursday and Friday. Minutes were emailed to all board members, but apparently were not received by all. The January minutes and the March minutes will be available on the website soon. The Rosens have resigned – they travel too much to make the meetings.

Financial Report (Board Treasurer-Joe Goepfrich)

- Report approved – see reports on website
- Working on budget for next year

Committee Report – Fund Development – Leigh Morris

- Working on getting good reliable data-giving/donor lists.
- Going to Quick books for all record keeping
- As soon as prospect lists are done several will meet to go over potential donors
- Endowment Fund policies have been revised (see website regarding policies) moved, seconded and approved
- Planning Fund Development for next year – need additional members for committee attempting to recruit board members and non board members – committee urges us to recruit board members who will be committed to fundraising

Music Director's Report (Phil Bauman)

- Chamber concert was very successful
- Family Concert – musicians were very enthusiastic – real team effort. There were many community members involved
- Palm Tree Paradise – anybody having anything tropical please bring it in – team effort – moving along – in good shape

Executive Director's Report (Cheryl Ferguson)

- See report on website
- Not getting a good return from billboards – will probably not do this again

Personnel/Operations Director's Report (Lee Rardin)

- Illnesses among musicians – keep them in our thoughts
- In general things are going fine

Committee Report – Hoosier Star – Sheryl Edwards

- Auditions were March 17 and 18. 107 to audition as of March 14. It was opened up to Lake County – drawing folks from the west of us.
- Finalists contacted March 19 – press release this week
- Chris Randall to take photos
- Goal of 2 sponsors per finalist
- Everything on schedule, same pricing as last year
- Publicity really starts in April
- Budget being reviewed – this year orchestra will be paid
- Big push now is for key sponsorship

Young Artist Committee – Marcia Morris

- Only 1 entry so far – everything will be in place
- Auditions on May 12, 2007

President’s Report (Marcia Morris)

- Meeting with McGues regarding lease, etc.
- Gallery – March 30 opening night for next show – Wings and Things

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Dates to Remember:

- Next Board Meeting – May 9, 2007, 6:30 PM – Symphony Center
- Pops Concert – April 14, Civic Auditorium
- Hoosier Star – June 23

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Kathleen Lang

Typed and submitted by Andrea Taylor