

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra  
Board Meeting March 6, 2006

Meeting opened by Marcia Morris  
Minutes approved

**Marcia Morris reported:**

- Marcia discussed wonderful publicity from “Under the Big Top,” including article from “The Times.”
- Reminder of March 15 board session with Jim Jessup
- October 15 concert, “Up Close and Personal,” at the Presbyterian Church – some confusion on the food at intermission - Marcia apologized to the sorority for the problem

**Joe Goepfrich reported:**

- Joe presented the financial report – appears to be clear and concise. Jo Fran asked if our library has been valued. A discussion followed. It appears to be insured correctly. A few general questions were asked. Value to stay at \$150,000. Marcia will discuss with Mike Drayton and then we will decide if increase is warranted.
- Joe distributed statements for individual concerts and cautioned board to review and look at the “big picture” of the primary statement.
- Marcia suggested that when looking ahead to next season we need to make sure to look at pay rates for all orchestra positions.

**Philip Bauman reported:**

- Phil thanked all musicians and board members who helped with “Under the Big Top” concert. Particular thanks went to Tonya for helping out with the concert and to Lee for taking over as stage manager. Staff at the Elston Theater were very very helpful.
- Rehearsals are under way for the March concert – some concern that chorus may not be what we want – may not have chorus – need decision this week. Everything else is on track.
- Music Man rehearsals are under way.
- Phil distributed CD of Carmina Burana for board to listen to for future consideration. This would be a very expensive proposition. Estimated cost would be a few thousand dollars more than normal expense of \$20,000 to \$25,000.
- Discussed the possibility of having a performance in Valparaiso
- The Walther League band shell is for sale – we will have a discussion with the Civic about its purchase. There will also be a meeting with Civic personnel about “work flow.”

**Diana Ford reported:**

Diana reported about “sound science” for teaching physics through music. Would like to write a grant proposal in conjunction with La Porte Symphony, Joy School and Michigan

City Area Schools and HOPE. The grant would be for up to \$250,000. April 7 is grant due date.

**Tonya McGue reported:**

See attached report.

-Hoosier Star – 42 people to try out so far, 10,000 flyers distributed, 2005 Chicago Idol will be a judge.

-Discussed advertising in Lake Magazine – too expensive for us but Tonya will try to make some contacts there.

**Lee Rardin reported:**

-Ed Wedow has made cart for stands and is also making a ramp

-Concerts have gone well

-Musicians are learning to contact Lee

-Young Artist – May 20 – so far no applicants for auditions

**Phil reported on Artistic Committee:**

-Discussion of 06-07 season per notes attached

-Communication with Nutcracker needs to be better

-Jo Fran wants to make sure everyone knows there is a charge to enter Washington Park

-Discussed Michigan City High School vs. Elston Auditorium. Discussed acoustics.

**Jerry reported on Board Development:**

-Notices were sent to board members whose times are up

-One new position opening up

-We may have some Board training

New Business – none

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Symphony office.**