

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra

Board Meeting

May 9, 2007 6:30 PM at Symphony Center & Gallery 614 Lincolnway

Members present: Joe Geopfrich, V. Michael Drayton, Jo Fran Bendix, Sheryl Edwards, Elizabeth Dekker, Andrea Taylor, Ted Taylor, John Cannon, Phil Bauman, Cheryl Ferguson, John Spiggle, Kathleen Lang, Marcia Morris, Leigh Morris

Marcia Morris (Board President) – Called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Minutes were approved from March 14, 2007 meeting.

- The Symphony Center is definitely for sale. The price is \$199,900. If sold, there is a slight chance the new owners will let us stay, but probably not. We have a month-to-month agreement with McGues. Starting in July we will pay \$500.00 per month, plus some utilities.
- Jo Fran is doing great with the gallery. We have bookings through December. We will continue to book showings until it is sold. Let McGues know if any of us know of somebody who might be interested in buying the Center.
- Marcia attended Indiana Arts Commission grant meeting. We have applied for \$10,000. We received a good review and they are impressed that we are in the black. We were ranked #3 out of the group of 12.
- Joe Goepfrich has agreed to head the nominating committee. If any of the present board members have suggestions for new members, let Joe know.

Financial Report (Board Treasurer – Joe Goepfrich)

- Financial report presented and approved. (See report on website.)
- Joe and finance committee are working on the budget for the coming year. It will be circulated by e-mail. Some of the work involves adding some of our independent contractors as employees. Joe will circulate the budget by e-mail. The executive board will approve it and then the full board can affirm it at the next meeting.

Committee Report – Fund Development – Leigh Morris

- Reviewed fund development . (See report on website.)
- Discussed what Conductor's Circle should be – educational, by invitation only,
- etc.

Music Director's Report (Phil Bauman)

- Had a good time at Friends luncheon
- April concert was a good event - lots of fun
- Hoosier Star – work being done daily
- Work on the website is underway for next season with improved security
- Will be working to secure another event for the summer season

Executive Director's Report (Cheryl Ferguson)

- See report on website.
- Discussed fall fund raising event. Theme will be 35 years.

- The annual meeting and lunch will be July 11 at Portofino's.

Personnel/Operations Director's Report (Lee Rardin – given by Phil Bauman)

- See report on website. Circulated program art work for the new season.

Orchestra Representative's Report (Jo Fran Bendix)

- Adult musicians should have preference over students.

Committee Report – Hoosier Star – Sheryl Edwards

- Everything is on schedule.
- See website for poster and sponsors
- Horizon Bank and NIPSCO are main sponsors
- Music will be fun and entertaining
- Elizabeth is putting together a power point which will be shown on the screen during the concert
- Upon completion of posters, will need help distributing

Young Artist Competition – Marcia Morris

- Auditions were May 12 and 13 at the Presbyterian Church
- 11 contestants – 6 violins, 1 harp, 2 cellos 2 oboes – 12 – 17 years of age
- Pete Collins and Bob Dure were judges

Symphony Gallery Report – Jo Fran Bendix

- Present exhibit on display until May 26
- Next exhibit is June 1 through July 14 featuring Tom Olesker – People & Places and Dana Dabagia – Floral Works. Opening reception is June 1, 5 – 8 pm

Other Business

- Will be electing board and officers at annual meeting on July 11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Andrea Taylor, Secretary