

La Porte County Symphony Orchestra
Board Meeting May 10, 2006

Meeting opened by Marcia Morris
Minutes approved

Marcia Morris reported:

- Marcia commented on our excellent season
- She attended meetings and held interviews with the staff members to be aware of where everyone stands at this point
- She has also written a lot of thank you notes to volunteers and benefactors

Leigh Morris reported:

- Leigh reviewed operating statement and balance sheet (see attached)
- The Financial Committee will look at the cash reserves and give their recommendation on what we should do with them
- Leigh reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2006-2007 (see attached)
- Leigh moved to adopt the budget, it was seconded and passed.

Philip Bauman reported:

- Phil commented on what a great season we had due to the help of many people. It was a great community experience with many community people involved
- He thanked the Board for allowing the creativity he desired throughout the season
- Hoosier Star is looking great and moving forward
- He would like to make sure we let the community know what an exciting season we are planning for next year (see attached)
- Phil would like to see a community chorus in the VNA Pops concert next year
- We should use Hoosier Star winner in future concerts this year and next
- The summer concerts are coming together
- He will start working on the 2007/2008 season now
- The Artistic Committee will be inviting musicians to their meeting to work on artistic policy
- Regarding the web site – check out Hoosier Star site
 - Organizational calendar added
 - Would like to see a Musicians' forum section (chat room)

Marcia reported that we will be working on Phil's upcoming contract now.

Lee Rardin reported:

- Lee passed out the performance schedule for Hoosier Star (see attached)
- Everything else under control

Tonya McGue reported:

(see attached)

Dates to remember: July 12 – Annual Meeting at Portofinos at noon
August 4 – Grand opening of Symphony Center

Ted Taylor reported for the Marketing Committee:

(see attached)

-Jo Fran suggested we have pamphlets at restaurants, Visitors Center and on buses. The committee will look into this.

Stephanie Oberlie reported for the Board Development Committee:

-We voted for officers and new Board members for next year per attached handout.

Sheryl Edwards reported on Hoosier Star event:

- The tables are going fast
- We have an outstanding variety of performers
- Sheryl went over the format of the evening
- Everything is on schedule
- We are planning to repeat this event next year

Elizabeth Dekker reported on Fall Benefit:

- Event will be held October 28, 2006, at Heston Hills
- First meeting will be next Friday, May 19.
- Marti Swanson has volunteered to chair the auction
- Watch emails for volunteers needed

Marcia Morris reported on Young Artists:

- 9 people auditioning on May 20
- The Hays will be paying for both winners

Jo Fran Bendix reported as Orchestra Representative:

- They are working on an artists' policy
- Musicians would like a questionnaire to evaluate the season

Old Business – none

New Business – We don't know whether we will be doing the Nutcracker yet

**Next meeting: Wednesday, July 12 – Annual Meeting
12:00 noon at Portofino's**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.