

June 26, 2023

In attendance:

Jenny Iorga, Dan Malan, Ken Suchy, Kevin Bolen, Jim Ogle, Steve Sherer, Annette Matlock, Jennifer Rhees

Present by phone:

Louise van der Eijk

May minutes were unanimously approved.

Youth symphony was discussed, particularly with regards to the conductors. Annette made a motion to table all youth symphony activities until transitions are finished.

Transition items discussed:

- Communications—phone, email, etc.--Jennifer will take over
- Mailbox—Ken may have a key, but Dan will make sure to retrieve David's key when they meet
- Dan suggested having documentation (binders, google docs, etc.) to house procedural information for future use.
  - Dan will take care of assembling items as they come to him via David
- Artwork/posters/programs will be designed by Meredith Messinger.
- Music acquisition/librarians
  - Michal and Diane will take over librarian duties. Jim will meet with both, plus Becky to make sure all is in order.
- Louise will take over Young Artist Competition for now
- Social Media/Website
  - Richelle Greene has been working on social media and will continue to do so
  - Cathy Durfey has volunteered to take over website maintenance
- It was determined that the board will ask the orchestra to keep all current board members on for two more years to make sure the transition is complete. Additionally, we will ask the orchestra for volunteers to serve on the board.
- Dan made the suggestion to send an invitation to Dave and Shelly to attend our first concert to be formally recognized for their years of dedication to the ensemble.

The performance opportunity at the Village, in Meridian, was discussed. Due to a number of issues, it was decided that the orchestra should not perform, but we could possibly have a few representatives perform in smaller ensembles. Steve will reach out for more details about what they want and need.

Jim gave a synopsis of the 2023-24 season repertoire and asked for assistance with narrowing down the options for concert #3, in the form of an orchestra poll (Jennifer will take care of). Jenny expressed the desire to see the YAC winners finish their obligations with the orchestra during the season in which they auditioned. By including one on the first concert and two on the

second concert, we should be caught up and ready for the 2024 winners to perform on concert #4. Concert dates were discussed and following are our target dates: October 28 or November 4; December 16; March 2; April 27. It was also suggested to include at least one school performing group in each of our concerts to help ensure we get the dates we would like.

Auditions will be scheduled for Monday, August 21, 7-9 p.m. Jennifer will check into using the church again. In addition to sections strings, we need to fill the following seats: Principal trombone; Principal second violin; Second bassoon (we may have a solution without auditions); Trumpet (one seat is currently open)

- Dan made a motion to allow for video auditions for those who are not available August 21, or who are uncomfortable auditioning in person. The motion passed unanimously.
- Advertising openings was discussed. The consensus was to ask Richelle to blast social media with audition information, but to also try to get it to Serenata members.
- Louise volunteered to find an email list for Serenata to spread the word.

The last board meeting authorized gift cards to be purchased for Craig and Marcellus, which Ken purchased and gave to David. It is unclear at this time if they were delivered. Dan will follow up when he talks with David.

The symphony picnic will be scheduled for Saturday, August 26, at 6 p.m., at Kleiner Park (Louise will take care of reserving picnic areas). The suggestion was made to order pizza and for the orchestra to bring sides and desserts.

The next board meeting is slated for Monday, August 14, 7:30 p.m.