

November 16, 2023

Present:

Jennifer Rhees, Jim Ogle, Ken Suchy, Steve Sherer, Annette Matlock, Louise van der Eijk, Dan Malan, Richelle Greene, Jenny Iorga

Present by Phone:

Kevin Bolen

Concert #1 was discussed—Around 426 people in attendance for October 28.

Concert #2

- Friday night, proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to the Meridian High School Choir. No comps will be offered to the choir. Orchestra will need to use their comps on Friday.
- Postcards will go out to advertise December concert and will include dates for Concerts #3 & 4.
- We can be in the hall as early as 4:30 Friday afternoon to set up. Orchestra will not use risers for winds/brass. Tear down crew will need specific directions as to where everything goes. Diane may be willing to take on this role. Set up crew needs specific numbers of chairs and stands.

Concerts #3 & 4

- March 2 at Centennial High
- May 4 at Meridian High

Donations are down from previous years. Jim offered to make a few calls if needed and suggested that we consider having sponsored chairs in the orchestra.

Ken discussed financials

- Facilities expenses have gone up, as have concert expenses.
- We still have \$40,000 in the bank but we do need donations, including corporate sponsorships.

Young Artist Competition is slated for January 27, at Dunkley Music. Louise has three judges, who will be paid \$150 each. Initial emails are ready to go out.

Concert Dress

- Holiday concert will remain concert black, but with red accents. Santa hats will be ok during Sleigh Ride.
- Musicians should look professional on stage

### Social Media

- Richelle has been making regular posts and asked for a budget to boost our posts on Facebook and Instagram. Steve made a motion to approve \$100/concert, which was unanimously approved.

### Board

- Elections will take place after the first of the year and officers will be elected at the January board meeting.

### Concert Programs

- Principals should be listed as such in every section. Currently, only string principals are listed. All regular members should also be listed, whether they are playing the concert or not.
- Kevin will double check names and spelling and forward a list to Meredith.
- All remaining season concerts, social media handles and YAC information will also be listed in the program.

Possible [Office Manager/Executive Director](#) was discussed. Having an “employee” would complicate our taxes, among other things. It is possible we could hire an independent contractor to do this work, but would need to do some more homework after finding said contractor. Steve will contact Adam Bendorf and find out more.

Ken will take care of the gift card for David and Shelly.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, January 18.