

January 25, 2024

Meridian Symphony Board Meeting at the offices of Sherer & Wynkoop, in Meridian

In Attendance:

Annette Matlock, Steve Sherer, Richelle Greene, Ken Suchy, Lee Roby, Kevin Bolen, Terry Berger, Jennifer Anderson, Louise van der Eijk, Jennifer Rhees, Dan Malan (arrived late).

Absent:

Jim Ogle, Jenny Iorga

May 4 concert facilities discussed. Steve will talk to Heather and Luke Koenig at MHS.

New board members, Jennifer Anderson, Terry Berger, Richelle Greene, and Lee Roby were introduced and welcomed.

Board Officer Elections/Roles were discussed and nominations were made/approved for offices.

President–Dan Malan

Vice President–

Secretary–Jennifer Rhees

Treasurer–Ken Suchy

Artistic Director–Jim Ogle

Lobby/Tickets–Annette Matlock

Social Media–Richelle Greene

YAC–Louise van der Eijk

Personnel Manager–Kevin Bolen

Young Artist Competition is Saturday, January 27. 36 applicants will compete. Louise has had a lot of questions and feels the guidelines may need to be revised.

Christmas Concerts

- 692 and 696 in attendance Friday and Saturday.
- Cell Phones are a problem during concerts. Audience members have complained. An announcement will be made prior to our concerts, asking patrons to silence cell phones and keep them put away during the performance.

March Concert will be at Centennial High School. 500 programs will be printed. Jennifer will check with Meredith regarding the number of posters to print.

Concert ticket pricing was discussed. We are well below any other prices.

Financials–Ken updated the board on the symphony finances. After all expenses are paid, we have \$25,000. Donations are well below our usual for this time of year. The suggestion was

made to include a Venmo link on our website, in the programs, etc., for online donations. Ken will look at setting up. We received a \$4500 donation from the Meridian Arts Foundation. There will be a mention in the March program and a thank you note will also go out.

Personnel—We have a violin audition for the end of February.

Office manager is still needed. We will discuss again at the next board meeting.

Youth Orchestra was discussed. Jennifer is working on doing more research as to whether there is still a need for an ensemble. Many possibilities were discussed, including setting up a once a year honor group.

Lorie Scherer asked if we might consider honoring her 95 year old mother, who has attended every single concert of the Meridian Symphony. The board unanimously agreed to do this. There will be a blurb in the March program and Lorie will print a certificate and speak at the concert.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, March 7.