

October 3, 2023

In attendance:

Steve Sherer, Kevin Bolen, Jenny Iorga, Louise van der Eijk, Annette Matlock, Jennifer Rhees, Dan Malan

Jim Ogle, by phone

Absent:

Ken Suchy

Orchestra Members also present:

Richelle Greene, Terry Berger

August 15 minutes were approved unanimously following a motion made by Dan.

Concert 1 will be at Kuna High School Performing Arts Center.

- Meredith will rework the art to reflect the new location. Dan will work on poster distribution.
- Comp ticket holders will be asked to be seated no later than 7:15 to help with numbers in the lobby. Jennifer will create a google form to request comps.
- Annette will reach out to the senior centers that usually bring large groups.
- Jennifer will work on lobby helpers
- Subs will be listed in the programs

Concert 2 is confirmed for Dec. 15, but not 16.

There will be write ups in the programs and/or on the website featuring different sections of the orchestra.

The board will start working on a job description for a future business manager.

Board Elections are due. More members would be welcome. The following questions need to be answered before asking anyone to be on the board: What are basic guidelines for being a board member? What is the board? What does the board do? What is expected of a board member? How much time does it take? Anyone can come to a board meeting without being on the board.

Personnel

We have a second bassoon through the Christmas concerts.

Kleiner Concert concerns were discussed, but were tabled until the next board meeting.

Donations in the amount of \$250 each were approved for use of Kleiner percussion, as well as any school we perform at, for use of their percussion equipment, and First Presbyterian Church, for use of the facilities for auditions. Three separate motions were made by Dan and unanimously approved.

Community engagement was discussed. It is possible that some venue woes could be helped by being more visible in the Meridian community. A query will be sent to the orchestra regarding small ensembles with orchestra members.

Recognition for Dave and Shelly was discussed. It was decided that we would put something in the program for Oct. 28 as well as send them a gift card for Shore Lodge in McCall. Dan made a motion to purchase a \$1500 gift card, which passed unanimously. A copy of the program will be sent to Dave and Shelly, with the gift card, immediately following the Oct. 28 concert.

Richelle Greene volunteered to be an ex-officio member of the board and be our hospitality coordinator, along with our social media guru.

#### Young Artist Competition

Louise has reserved space at Dunkley Music on Saturday, January 27 for our 2024 competition. She is currently working on securing judges. The winners will either be split between the March and May concerts or both play in May.

Youth Orchestra was discussed, including how we can make it work moving forward. Who would we want to lead the group? Jim would be willing to collaborate with the director.

Next meeting will be scheduled during the week of November 13, with a target date of November 16.