

5-22-2025

Present

Dan Malan, Erik Larson, Lee Roby, Jennifer Anderson, Steve Sherer, Terry Berger, Jonelle Darrow, Jenny Iorga, Ken Suchy, Louise van der Eijk, Jennifer Rhees

Absent

Jim Ogle, Richelle Greene, Annette Matlock

Welcome new board members!

Board leadership elections will take place at our next scheduled meeting. Imminent needs are president, vice president, secretary, personnel manager, stage manager, marketing

24/25 Season Recap

- May 3 concert had 673 in attendance. Dunkley's charged us around \$1200 for the Steinway.
- Facilities—Annie is now the MPAC manager and will oversee all concerts and dress rehearsals. The board would like to move rehearsals to Meridian Middle School while keeping concerts at MPAC.

2025 Orchestra and Conductor Evaluations

- Overall, positive feedback. There is concern, especially among auxiliary instrumentalists, with regard to making rehearsal schedules and sticking with the set schedule.
- There is confusion surrounding the hiring of extras for our concerts. Most felt that hiring 3 ringers to play violin 1 was excessive, given that we had 10 members playing already. Some feel slighted while others expressed a lack of cohesiveness within the section when new people come in at the last minute. This topic will be explored further at our next board meeting.
- There were two members that would like to have a board member follow up. Terry volunteered to take this on.

Kleiner Concert

- The concert will begin at 4 p.m., with a 2:30 p.m. set up time, followed by a sound check at 3.
- MSO will be renting percussion equipment from Boise State for \$600. We will need to have a crew meet at BSU to unload risers and stanchions, then load the percussion equipment.
 - Steve made a motion to approve the rental fee, which was seconded by Dan. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Jennifer will send out a request for volunteers, both to haul the trailer and to be on the loading crew.

Personnel

- Auditions are slated for Saturday, August 9 and Monday, August 18, at First Presbyterian Church.
- In addition to our regular string auditions, we specifically will be looking for principal trombone, principal oboe, 3rd Flute/Piccolo and Piano.
- The board will need to address the trumpet section and agree to invite Seth to be a regular member.

Financials

- We have a current net loss of \$2,000
- There is a need to have strategic planning conversations to address gaining donors and sponsors.

The next board meeting is slated for Tuesday, June 24.