

August 15, 2023

In attendance

Louise van der Eijk, Annette Matlock, Steve Sherer, Kevin Bolen, Jim Ogle, Dan Malian, Jennifer Rhees

Absent

Jenny Iorga, Ken Suchy

Non board members in attendance for the first 20 minutes of the meeting

Cathy Durfey, Greg Felton

June 26 minutes were approved unanimously.

Greg Felton discussed the youth orchestra, expressing concern over the decision to pause the program.

Cathy Durfey gave an update on the symphony website. Kevin made the suggestion of adding audio clips of the orchestra to the website. Board meeting minutes will also be added to the website. The members section of the website has been password protected, but it was determined that there is no sensitive information housed there and the password will be lifted.

Transition items

- Annette gave a synopsis of her meeting with Shelly. She shared some of the information she received, including website renewal information and needing to retrieve the stanchions housed at Centennial High School.
- Jim suggested we schedule a meeting with Cord Breuer regarding facilities at Meridian High School.
- Dan spoke briefly about his meeting with Dave.
- There was discussion of how to inform our youth orchestra members and patrons about the pause. Jennifer will work with Greg and Jill to send an email to last year's members and Cathy will put a notice on our website.

Symphony communications were discussed, Jennifer will send a member roster to the board,

Board members and Orchestra Management

- The suggestion was made to hire a business manager or executive director, Steve knows someone who might be interested and will talk to him,
- The board would like to see orchestra members attend meetings without being on the board, Steve will check legalities to make sure this is acceptable.
- Dan made a motion to have board meeting minutes approved via email in order to have timely distribution of minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel

- Dan made a motion to have \$2100 available for each concert to hire up to seven string players. Pay is \$100 per service, for three services or \$300 per hire per concert. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.
- Upcoming auditions were discussed.

Rehearsals and Concerts

- Concert dates are set and will be at Meridian High School. Rehearsal space is still being negotiated,
- Concert dress was discussed and set as follows:
 - **Option 1:** Black tuxedo or suit jacket, white long-sleeve dress shirt, black bowtie, black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes
 - **Option 2:** All black outfit of a formal dress or separates, with three-quarters to long sleeves, and long skirt or dress pants. Black socks or hose, and black shoes.

The symphony picnic is Saturday, August 26, 6-8 p.m., at Kleiner Park. The symphony will provide pizza. Members and their families should bring a side or dessert, along with their own beverages.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 3.