October 1, 2026

In Attendance:

Cathy Durfey, Terry Berger, Craig Purdy, Jennifer Rhees, Jennifer Anderson, Lee Roby, Melody Mitchell, Louise van der Eijk, Sally Felton, Ken Suchy

Absent:

Alex Nichols, Erik Larson, Kim Moss, Dan Malan

Meridian presence

Sally Felton is representing us at the trunk or treat in Meridian at City Hall on October 17.
Melody suggested we connect with Tammy de Weerd about our facility struggles, and how to raise our visibility in Meridian. She is a fan of the arts and has many connections and may be of help in this area. Louise will reach out to her.
Meridian Arts Commission - we've been invited to present at their meeting at 3:30 on the 8th. Jennifer and Kim may perhaps be able to do this. Is it possible to get a seat on this commission?
Perhaps it would also be good to schedule a meeting with the Mayor - Jennifer will talk to Kim Moss about this as well.
There are quarterly events regularly - coffee with the mayor, other networking opportunities to perhaps present the MSO.

YAC

Dunkley's is reserved for Jan. 23. Judges will be Susan Stein, Irina Albig and Jim Ogle. The memorization requirement has been removed, in the hopes of getting a broader representation of instruments. Louise motioned to raise the prize money to $200 for the winners and $100 for honorable mentions. The motion passed.

Website Adria - 2nd bassoon - will help bring the website up to date.

Social Media We have selected Lily Elgar as social media intern for the semester;

Concerts/Season

Dates are set for the year and themes have been decided. Final 3 concerts are Tis the Season, Brush up your Shakespeare, Busy B's ; Emily Klein has been selected as front of house intern. She will work with Cathy Durfey.

Financials– Ken noted that we have to pay for rehearsal space this year at both Lake Hazel and SJH.

Facilities are set for the year! All concerts and future rehearsals will take place at South Junior High. Security is required by SJH, so Jennifer has secured two men who do security to work

the concerts. We will be giving the band and orchestra directors each 10 tickets to give to students who might want to attend the concerts.

Jennifer Rhees motioned to adjourn.

Next meeting date, Thursday, December 3, 7 pm. Location TBD.