

BOD Minutes 10-22-2016

Call to Order 10:05

Opening Prayer: Ken Dewitt

Roll Call: Ken Dewitt, John Spadaccini, Toni Irwin, Allanna Jackson, Kim Applegate, Anna McCleve, Joe Bushman.

Anna read minutes from Sept. board meeting. Ken made a motion to accept the minutes. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Keith Preston critiqued the Patriotic concert and sent in report. Board members and musicians have access to read the results. The report was well done and specific enough to be useful.

Board discussed SL auditorium challenges with new tech person substituting. (Auditorium wasn't ready with lights, microphones, fire alarm going off during rehearsal, feedback sometimes during performance, lack of keys to access instruments and/or get into building.) Will contact SL District and let them know some concerns.

Board recognizes the need for a stage manager, especially for concerts.

James emailed out treasurer's report with concert stats. Total income from concert was \$1294. Donations including flags donated by Diana was \$93. Report will be made part of minutes.

Ted emailed out conductors report which will be attached to minutes. Board is in favor of guest performer Tomas Robak and will look for a way to financially support Ted's recommendation for guest performer. Will need to get numbers and details of projected expenses. There is an option to explore that Symphony could partner with a motel for lodging or rental car for ads in program to help accommodate needs for guest performer, or possible grant. Will need to discuss further in a future board meeting when needs are outlined.

Music IS...an International Experience (theme for 2017) Music has been selected: Copland - Fanfare for the Common Man, Borodin - In the Steeps of Central Asia, Sibelius - Finlandia, Ketelby - In a Persian Market, Chabrier - Spanish Rhapsody.

Kim will see if Arts Alliance of the White Mountains has specific guidelines for Art contest for Music Is.

December Concert - will have a "Prize Drawing" during intermission with services donated to WMS by businesses. After concert will have Chili and Cornbread fundraiser dinner in SHS Cafeteria for \$ 5 per bowl. Musicians will bring Chili and Cornbread.

Symphony will donate 1 Free Adult ticket and 1 free Student ticket to Christmas Concert for St. John Chili Cook-off - Contact Person is Jen Olney.

Board discussed possible group rates for large groups attending concerts. Possible discount Policy needs to be consistent. Board tabled decision for November meeting.

Kim mentioned White Mountain Chorale that does music camp scholarships may be disbanding and if symphony schedules an earlier fall concert at Blue Ridge in conjunction with Pinetop/Lakeside Fall Festival our concert attendance from summer visitors could be much higher. Fall Festival is held the last full weekend in September. Symphony would need to get on community/school schedule early.

Women's Club doesn't have enough money to do a grant to the symphony.

WMSO small ensembles may do a presentation for the Autistic School children per musician availability. Lee Wille checked into possible grants for presentation, not many options. Perhaps the school would have better luck getting a grant from AZ Commission on the Arts for that purpose.

Anna attended a presentation for non-profit groups sponsored by APS. Grant options were discussed. No specific date deadlines. Seminar presenter stressed cultivating donors and showing appreciation for donations.

Ken stressed the need to hire a Business Manager in near future and made motion to adjourn meeting. Joe Seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Next board meeting scheduled for November 12.