

December 10, 2016 Symphony Board Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order: 10:00 Kim Applegate

Opening Prayer: Anna

Roll Call: Kim Applegate; Anna McCleve; James Stevens; Galen Wilkes; Allanna Jackson; Toni Irwin; Ted Vives (by Skype); Ken DeWitt; John Spadaccini; and Joe Bushman.

Galen Read Minutes from last meeting: Ken moved to approve minutes. James seconded motion. John abstained. Motion passed.

December Concert:

James presented to the WMS Bd. the following concerns:

- need for serving items
- need for more servers
- problem of guests self-serving
- need for more volunteers - ticket taker, organize head of line
- assuring compliance with health codes

Friends of Symphony:

WMS Bd. discussed Friends of the symphony involvement in upcoming performances.

2017 Christmas Concert, December 2, 2017:

Anna will reserve Snowflake auditorium for WMS December 2, 2017 Christmas performance.

April 15, 2017 Blue Ridge performance:

- there will be refreshments
 - possibly potato bar if Cafeteria is available
 - &/or baked goods
 - 5:00 p.m. after the concerts refreshments will be available
- there will be a drawing similar to the December drawing

Comp. Tickets:

James will present a written proposal for ticket prices to the WMS Bd.

Treasurer's Report: James presented a written treasurer report. Ken Moved and Galen seconded a Motion to adopt James' financial reports. James reports will be incorporated into this month's minutes.

Conductor's Report:

Concert

The concert went very well all things considered. Musically, it was more challenging than last year and there was more literature performed in less rehearsal time as well. These are all positive signs.

Attendance

We still have a problem with attendance at rehearsals. While this is a universal problem for community orchestras, it nevertheless doesn't change the fact that it creates great difficulty in maintaining consistency. I am always wondering how much better our performances could be if we had more consistent and full attendance. I don't know that there is a solution to this, except to continue to encourage each other to attend as much as possible and to stress that it is very difficult to have really good performances when attendance has been spotty.

Spring

We have some great music set for spring. As of yet there is only one concerto competition entry - Natalie Groom. I haven't listened yet to it as I am waiting for the deadline (January 18).

As of the December 3 deadline, we had also only had one composition submitted for June. It is not a bad work, but my feeling is that it is too esoteric and quite beyond the orchestra's ability.

Personnel

It is very important that we continue to recruit players. We are particularly in need of percussionists. We also really need more strings. I am particularly concerned about players that show up for rehearsal but then decide (for whatever reason) not to play the concert. I would like to explore ways to have better outreach to the community to find players. Perhaps contact both public and private music teachers and their connections, place announcements in media (newspaper, radio, church bulletins, etc.)

Repertoire

I would like to explore (for next season and beyond) modifying our concert format. We do 5 performances each season which I think is a perfect number. However, each concert seems to be a "theme" (Patriotic, Christmas, Music Is..., Concerto, Pops) I feel that this limits our repertoire selection. As conductor, I would like to be able to program a wider variety of music. I would like to look at ways to address this.

Budget Changes: Raffle Income increased to \$520; Business Manager Increase in Budget; and Ted's conference increase in budget \$120. Ken moved to adopt the Budget increases. Galen seconded. Motion passed.

Income Overages:

--WMS has overages of \$1,000 City Sponsorship; \$2,500 Grants; and \$1,185 Advertising.

--these Overages will be addressed at a later date.

Expense Concerns:

--\$98 remains in the music budget. Ted reported that the music costs for the remainder of the budget year will not exceed the \$98.

Music Budget needs:

--Ken moved to increase music budget to \$300. James seconded. Motion passed.

--Equipment expenses regarding a possible \$1,500 to spend for equipment. Ted, and Allanna will prepare a proposal for possible expenditure regarding equipment

--In January 2017, WMS will address storage for WMS properties

Music Is:

--there will be an art contest with prizes for each section of \$25, \$15, and \$10 furnished by a WMS Bd. Member

--information is and has been sent to the schools

--Ted will send a list to President of WMS of the background of the music to be played and the composer information

Allanna will prepare background information on Country of composers

Business Manager's Report:

Picked up tickets from NPC and distributed to Chambers and Classic Cookware - picked up after concert

(Kim did Pinetop Chamber) - took remaining concert tickets to Stephanie Stevens

Picked up key for Jr. H rehearsal and returned the next day.

Put up flyers in Heber, Show Low, Snowflake and Taylor

Bought Raffle and Fundraiser tickets.

Put up banners and A-Frames in Snowflake, Taylor and Show Low (Galen did Pinetop, Allanna did Lakeside)

Submitted articles and pictures for newspapers.

Met with Linda Bohn and Stephanie Stevens and coordinated group ticket sales.

 Made certificates for Raffle drawing.

Met with Cafeteria people - made arrangements for Chili fundraiser.

Purchased paper goods and returned extra unused supplies after fundraiser.

 Picked up concert programs.

Bought supplies and made posters for lobby sales/events.

 Borrowed easels for displays in lobby.

Picked up keyboard, stand and amp for rehearsal and returned after concert.

Picked up poinsettias & supplies for concert, returned afterwards.

Ordered and picked up flowers for Holly for concert presentation.

Coordinated Chili and cornbread list for fundraiser and made extra of both.

 Dealt with messages and mail for symphony.

 Made deposit from Snowflake Chamber.

Made deposit of Birtcher Donation - replied with thank you note, receipt and family season tickets.

 Set up in lobby and cafeteria, cleaned up after event.

 Updated 3 signs and banners for April concert.

Adjournment:

Galen moved to adjourn. James seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting: January 14, 2017.