

**Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society**  
**Minutes of the August 9, 2009 Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 by President Steve Kessinger.

Board members present were Steve Kessinger, Phil Slates, Dave Wensits, and Amy Raab.

1. The July Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Phil Slates, seconded by Dave Wensits.
2. The July Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Phil Slates, seconded by Amy Raab.
3. The Music Coordinator's Report was presented by Steve Kessinger in the absence of Dave Slates.
  - a. The CIFM&MDS will play at the State Fair on August 23.
  - b. We have four Crestwood gigs in September, scheduled each Saturday at noon.
  - c. We have a gig at the Mooresville Library on the first Saturday in December.
4. Phil Slates reported on the name change issue.
  - a. He reminded us that the purpose for the discussion came from our society's mission statement. It was considered possible that a "dulcimer society" may not be perceived to be a folk music society open to all types of traditional American music.
  - b. If the name is changed, our society will still be officially known as the Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society.
  - c. Phil Slates proposed, and the board agreed, to have a Simple Majority vote at the November meeting. We will vote to do business as one of the following:
    1. Indiana Folk Music Society
    2. Central Indiana Folk Music Society
    3. Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society (no change)
  - d. The opportunity to vote will be advertised in the September, October, and November newsletters, and comments are welcome.
5. Steve Kessinger expressed an interest in sharing the thoughts and ideas of society members in our monthly newsletter. For example, the response to his column in the newsletter was quite enjoyable in July. With permission, such responses could be included in the newsletter. Also, society members could weigh in on events and issues pertinent to our society.
6. Phil Slates updated the board on the Eagle Creek Festival on behalf of Ruth Slates. The Eagle Creek committee is putting together a listing of recommendations and ideas for improving next year's festival. This list should be ready for the board in October, so that next year's committee can choose how or if to implement these ideas. Some topics that we'll hear about:
  - a. The workshops and sponsorships all went very well.
  - b. Possibly we can change to two shorter days instead of one very long day.
  - c. We can consider changes to the venue, site, and/or schedule to avoid conflict.
7. Steve Kessinger thanked the Eagle Creek Festival committee representative for the ongoing concern and striving toward improvement that we've come to expect from the committee.
8. Concerning better promotion of our society, the board discussed the following:
  - a. We need a society member to lead in looking for and managing programs for children, through schools or other venues.
  - b. Steve Kessinger reminded all that we need to be wise and focused in any pursuit of grants or alliances.
  - c. Phil Slates volunteered to pursue advertising opportunities with the local radio program, "The Art of the Matter."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 on a motion by Phil Slates, seconded by Dave Wensits.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Raab