

Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society
Minutes of the September 13, 2009 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Slates. Board members present were Ruth Slates, Dave Slates, Dave Wensits, Gary Rogers, Amy Raab, and Phil Slates.

The August Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Gary Rogers, seconded by Dave Wensits.

The August Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Dave Slates, seconded by Gary Rogers.

Music Coordinator's Report, presented by Dave Slates:

1. Crestwood gigs so far have all been excellent, with a good turnout. There was even a Conga Line at Crestwood North as the band played "When the Saints Go Marching In."
2. We have a Christmas gig at the Mooresville Public Library on December 5th at noon.
3. We have passed on some non-paying offers to play that would not add to our mission.
4. Ruth Slates suggested that pro bono gigs be chosen based on whether they at least answer the educational aspect of our mission.
5. Our big band gigs are getting better and more cohesive as an ensemble, and our music coordinator has enjoyed leading the big band this past year.
6. Phil Slates brought up a suggestion from the past: We could have ready-made set lists available in the email list files. A set leader could quickly choose a prepared set list if he needed one in a hurry, and members could be notified to use Set List A (for example) at an upcoming gig.
7. Dave Wensits suggested creating an array of 15 minute lists, so a leader could more easily adapt the lists to the need of the moment. The set leader could choose two, three, or four lists depending on the event.
8. Dave Slates will work with other set leaders to arrange these lists.
9. Set leaders will still be free to ignore all this work and craft their own list for any gig.

Name Change Committee Report, presented by Phil Slates:

1. There will be an opportunity to vote on this issue in the November business meeting.
2. Phil Slates made a motion to change the voting options to the following:
 - a. Indiana Folk Music Society
 - b. Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society (no change)
3. Dave Slates seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Eagle Creek Folk Festival Committee Report, presented by Ruth Slates:

1. The committee had a productive meeting, and came up with ideas for next year's committee.
2. The committee will have that report ready for the Board for October's meeting.

Concerning George Babbitt's donated books, presented by Gary Rogers:

1. The books will be included in the December auction.
2. George will be asked to bring the books to a meeting before November, and the Board will take responsibility for them until the auction.

Concerning the December auction:

1. Dave Slates suggested asking Cathy Platt to either continue leadership of the auction or to lend her expertise to us as we seek new leadership.
2. Ruth Slates volunteered to speak with Cathy on this matter.

Ruth Slates is planning a Big Band workshop for November's meeting. She will talk to set leaders to get their input about what they would like the band to know about following their leadership. The big band will consider sometimes practicing with the chairs oriented the way they are for performances (with the leader also facing the audience). There will be discussion about what the band needs from set leaders to make it easier to follow. There will also be discussion about ways that we can all work on skill-building and ensemble playing.

Neal and Coleen Walters (of Doofus Music) will be guest performers at our October meeting. They will also hold workshops on various instruments. September's newsletter contains the additional details.

Phil Slates received an email from Eric Fricke. Eric had triple bypass surgery on September 28. Eric is staying with his daughter as he recuperates from surgery. Dave Slates will ask Dan Reneau if he will take Eric's place leading the VA gigs, and the two of them will decide what is appropriate for the VA gigs until Eric wishes to resume leadership of that work.

The Secretary will send a card from the CIFM&MDS to Eric. The contact information will be shared on the email list.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 on a motion by Gary Rogers, seconded by Phil Slates.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raab
Secretary

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