

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President Steve Kessinger. Current and future board members present were Steve Kessinger, Dave Slates, Ruth Slates, Gary Rogers, Chuck Morgan, Amy Raab, Mike Raab, Phil Slates, Dave Wensits, and Mike Brinkman.

Steve Kessinger welcomed the new board members, and thanked the 2009 Board for their service. Steve also welcomed our new President, Chuck Morgan. Chuck was not officially voted in during November's business meeting, but an official vote was scheduled for December 13. (**Update: The vote did take place, and Chuck Morgan was officially made President during December's meeting. A.R.**)

It was noted by all that our new Treasurer, Mike Brinkman, was voted in at the end of November's business meeting.

The November Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Ruth Slates, seconded by Dave Slates.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Dave Wensits reported that he had paid for the web name renewal and annual service fee for our internet provider for the society's website, www.indianafolkmusic.org.
2. Dave Wensits and Steve Kessinger discussed the history of the savings account which was initially intended to pay for sound for charitable gigs, but never used.
3. Our new treasurer was informed of a change in Standard Procedure in 2009, which raised petty cash from \$50 to \$150. Dave Wensits explained that petty cash is mostly used as an advance to our newsletter editor for monthly expenses.
4. Dave Wensits also explained the treasurer's duty to maintain the membership roster.
5. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Gary Rogers, seconded by Ruth Slates.

Music Coordinator's Report:

1. Dave Slates reported that the Old Bethel UMC gig was fun for all. The fee was \$200, but the society received a cash offering of \$280! We might hear from them again.
2. The Mooresville Library Christmas gig was well-attended and enjoyed.
3. Dave received an email from Sandy Stewart, the Executive Director of Prime Life Enrichment, which is a not-for-profit, charitable organization for older adults in Hamilton County. Ms. Stewart would like the CIFM&MDS society to play at "The Diamonds and Denim Texas Wingding" at the Robert Irsay Charity Pavilion on April 17, 2010. The Music Coordinator will follow up on this opportunity to see if the gig is a good fit for both parties.
4. Current Music Coordinator Dave Slates welcomed Mike Raab, the 2010 Music Coordinator.

5. Steve Kessinger said that he now has sound equipment for his group, "Fellowship," which may be utilized by CIFM&MDS for gigs if needed, including a sound man to operate it.
6. Dave Slates also reminded the Board that his group, "The Slates Family Band," will also share their own equipment if needed.

The Eagle Creek Committee's overall report containing feedback and recommendations is nearly ready. The Board was pleased to learn that Ruth Slates is willing to be on the committee again in 2010. The committee is interested in training new people to work the festival, as well. Ruth Slates will attend January's board meeting to present the Eagle Creek Committee's report.

Society Promotion:

Dave Slates suggested that the new board resume our notice in the Indianapolis Star. We might also consider notifying various community calendars of our meetings and events. The Secretary was charged with finding out who on the Board is responsible for advertising.

New Business:

1. Steve Kessinger brought to the Board's attention the Ohio Valley Gathering, which is scheduled for the end of February, 2010, in Lexington, KY. Mike Raab needs to organize a group to play a three-song set on Saturday night, and contact the OVG. The OVG will be in Indianapolis in 2011. The Board discussed a desire for the CIFM&MDS to show some sort of hospitality for the event.
2. Dave Wensits told the Board about Frank Tardy, Connie Morley, and Christine Reneau's performance at the Indian Creek School's Pioneer Week. Christine Reneau forwarded a letter of thanks from the fourth grade teachers, students, and parents to Dave, along with a check for \$50 that the performing society members had received from the school and wished to donate to the CIFM&MDS. Steve Kessinger made a motion to have the Secretary write thank-you cards to these generous society members, and Gary Rogers seconded. The letter from the school will be filed in the CIFM&MDS records.
3. Amy Raab requested permission from the Board to post a notice regarding a stolen dulcimer on our bulletin board. Erin Clor, a local dulcimer player not in our society, had emailed the request after her dulcimer was stolen from her home during a break-in. Ms. Clor hoped that maybe someone in our society would eventually recognize her dulcimer. The Board approved the posting of the notice.
4. Phil Slates handed down his CIFM&MDS paperwork and cupboard keys to Chuck Morgan
5. Phil Slates reminded the new board to check with Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 2010 to see if they want to give us a new code for the door lock.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 on a motion by Steve Kessinger, seconded by Dave Slates.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raab
Secretary