

**Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society
Minutes of the January 9, 2010 Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 1:15p.m. by Chuck Morgan. Board members present were Chuck Morgan, Gary Rogers, Steve Kessinger, Amy Raab, and Mike Raab. Also present were Barry Levitt, Ruth Slates, and Dave Wensits.

The December, 2009 Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Gary Rogers, seconded by Mike Raab.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dave Wensits. He explained the usual expenses and operations to the 2010 Board. He explained that the new President and Treasurer must be added to the accounts. The Savings account needs \$1 added monthly to keep it active. Petty cash is maintained at \$150. At the end of December, there were 105 family memberships. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Mike Raab, seconded by Gary Rogers.

Dave Wensits also presented the treasurer's yearly summary. It was approved on a motion by Steve Kessinger, seconded by Mike Raab.

The Music Coordinator's Report was presented by Mike Raab.

1. Diamonds and Denim Texas Wingding, presented by Prime Life Enrichment: This gig was lost to another group, because there was not enough notice and our group was going through a leadership transition. However, they may want us for this benefit next year.
2. Peggy Hilleman contacted the CIFM&MDS on behalf of the Senior Adult Group of Plainfield Christian Church, desiring us to play for one of their lunch meetings in May or October.
3. Ohio Valley Gathering: We are signed up for this; the coordinators will get back to us about dates and times for our Big Band performance.
4. Barry Levitt was asked, and agreed, to post Gathering information on our website.

Eagle Creek Coordinator Ruth Slates reported on the Eagle Creek Committee's findings.

1. For 2010, flyers will be improved and contain more information.
2. We will aim for a two-day festival, giving performers 30 minutes each. Possibly we will be able to hold the festival on Saturday from 12-6, and Sunday with 11-6, beginning with a gospel set.
3. The committee will consider whether it is beneficial or cost-effective to pursue other sound technicians.
4. The committee will consider whether or not to have a rain date. They will talk with Eagle Creek about the possibilities of moving to an indoor facility in case of rain.
5. Starting the festival later in the day will alleviate the conflict with other events such as the triathlon.
6. Last year we enjoyed partnering with co-sponsors and friends. We will try to continue those relationships for the 2010 festival.
7. The committee would like to purchase advertising.
8. We will consider reaching out to sister organizations such as the Louisville Dulcimer Society and the Brown County and Connersville groups, inviting them to participate in the festival.
9. The society will be informed of signup sheets and other information by March.
10. The committee wants to have the schedule ready by April.
11. The committee will look into the price of using press releases and flyers in neighboring states.
12. Instead of a food table, there will be a time scheduled for a CIFM&MDS pitch-in or picnic.
13. Bottled water will be provided.
14. The Board authorized the committee to go forward with researching these ideas.
15. Dave Wensits, as 2009 Treasurer, reminded all that last year the society spent \$1200 on the festival, therefore the committee should be prudent with upgrades.
16. Steve Kessinger said that the festival involves outreach, fulfills our mission, and is a potential source of new members. It is important to not penny-pinch, but to be fiscally responsible and carefully monitor spending.
17. Steve Kessinger, Dave Wensits, and Chuck Morgan requested that the committee provide a budget estimate.
18. Ruth Slates will report back in February with the committee's findings and plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 on a motion by Chuck Morgan, seconded by Steve Kessinger.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raab
Secretary