

Indianapolis Municipal Band 2023 Retreat Minutes

Meridian Street United Methodist Church

January 14, 2023

In attendance: Karen Diggs, Jerry Brown, Jeff Clanton, Kathy Borgmann, Janet Booth, Eileen Jurek, John Marshall, John Owen, Meredy Jenkins

Election of Board Officers

The following officers were nominated and elected to the IMB Board of Directors:

- Karen Diggs – President
- Jerry Brown – Vice President
- Meredy Jenkins – Secretary
- Jeff Clanton - Treasurer

IMB 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee Report

Bill McNiece presented his updates which included

- Printing the history of the band
- Approval of and payment for our new logo; best time to roll out the new logo, pins, stickers
- The commissioned piece by Richard Saucedo is in progress
- Suggestions for promoting our 75th Anniversary (flyers inserted into programs, 75th Anniversary button on IMB home page, 75th Anniversary “business cards” for members to give out to people who would like to learn more.
- A 75th Anniversary Dinner: cost, venue, attendees
- Discussed expenses that will be incurred this year, ie guest conductors, Anniversary Dinner, European trip travel expenses.

Review of Annual Survey Results – Meredy Jenkins

- There were responses from 48 members
- Overall comments were positive
- 71% -- 2 hour rehearsals
- Most members enjoy playing venues. Several noted concerns at playing at the Artsgarden
- 69% -- IMB schedule is about right
- 56% -- music selection. Several selected 2 or 3
- Very positive about guest conductor
- Concert promotion – many think we need a better level of promotion
- 96% -- Meredy’s messages and updates
- 76% -- feel informed about Board activities
- 86% -- agree with Mission statement and IMB achieving the mission

Financial Report

- Jeff presented the treasurer's report showing \$7928.42 income and \$11,902.77 expenses (loss of \$3,974.35)
- Checking account at start of year = \$15,410.60; \$11,436.25 as of November 30, 2022
- 2023 Proposed Budget income includes member, non-member and in-kind donations
- 2023 Proposed Budget expenses include fees and insurance, music, instruments, conductors, advertising and 75th Anniversary Celebration expenses.
- It was noted that Jeff's report may need to be tabled until the next Board meeting, as he will delete the Ed Axsom Scholarship and Arts for Lawrence.

Band Directors Report

- John Marshall is looking forward to getting back to playing and preparing for the coming year. He would like to see an increase in collegiality.
- John Owen is in charge of arranging venue; he is asking for help in this area. He is going to ask members to think about what they could do to help the band...volunteering, promoting concerts, etc

Scheduled Performances for 2023

- Wed, April 12, 7:00pm Spring Concert at Ben Davis HS
- Sun, July 23, 7:00pm at Zionsville Lions Park
- Sun September 3, 6:00pm at Village of West Clay
- Sat, September 16, time TBA. Hoosier Heroes Appreciation Day at White River State Park
- Sun, Nov 12, 3:00pm Veterans' Day Concert, Indiana State Museum
- Sat Dec 9, 11:30am Holiday Concert at Artsgarden

We are hoping to add more concerts for the year. Ideas for venues are appreciated.

Fundraising Plans and Ideas other than the 75th Anniversary Celebration

Jeff will talk to the band at first rehearsal about finances and donations. Donations to the General fund will be crucial this year. Karen will send out a Member Donation Drive letter encouraging them to thoughtfully consider contributing. We are a 501(c) organization and gifts will be tax deductible.

New Business

Karen proposed a change to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws. We have 9 board members having 3-year terms each. Karen proposed adding 2 more board members each having a 1 year term (and no executive office). The motion was made and approved.

Next board meeting

- Mon, Feb 6 at 6:15pm in the BD Band room

- Next Board Retreat, June 10, 2023. John Marshall will make sure the church is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Meredy Jenkins, Secretary