

Indianapolis Municipal Band 2020 Retreat

Meridian Street United Methodist Church

February 1, 2020, 9am to Noon

In Attendance: Karen Diggs, Jerry Jenn, Jeff Clanton, Janet Kamiri, John Marshall, John Owen, Kathy Borgmann, Larry Dull, Kathy Rensing, Eileen Jurek

Judy Dunlap attended the first part of the meeting to present survey results.

Board Officer Elections

2019 President Karen Diggs welcomed the group and called for officer nominations.

The following officers were elected.

- President – Karen Diggs; Clanton/Jenn 5/0/0
- Secretary – Jeff Clanton; Diggs/Jenn 5/0/0
- Treasurer – Janet Kamiri; Diggs/Dull 5/0/0
- Vice President – Eileen Jurek; Clanton/Jenn 8/0/0

Karen announced that Dwight Clinton resigned from the board due to travel schedule conflicts. After discussion regarding a replacement Kathy Borgmann made a motion to invite Candace True to become a board member because she was the only other person to volunteer during elections in December. Borgmann/Jenn 8/0/0

Review of Annual Survey Results

Judy distributed copies of the annual survey response and answered questions about the results.

- 49 responses were received of 80 members listed on the IMB roster = 61%
 - The prior-year response rate was 54%
- Distribution of responses as compared to years of service
 - three years or less – 33%
 - four to nine years – 20%
 - ten years or more – 47%
- The percentage of positive ratings for other questions are as follows: (strongly agree + somewhat agree)
- 98% - 2 hour Monday night schedule
- 65% to 97% - enjoyment playing at each venue
- 92% - IMB schedule is about right
- 88% - Music selection
- 96% - Guest conductor was a positive contribution
- 67% - IMB concert promotion, below neutral ratings decreased to 2% compared to 13% the prior year
- 100% - Judy's messages regarding activities were helpful
- 84% - Feel informed about Board activities and IMB direction, up from 66% the prior year
- 92% - Agreement with Mission Statement
- 92% - Believe the IMB is achieving mission
- There were many common and encouraging comments provided in response to the question about what members enjoy about IMB participation including:
 - great players and direction
 - love the opportunity to express myself through music

- individual players help me to enjoy the experience and focus on the positive
- variety and difficulty of the music
- camaraderie
- directors
- striving for excellence
- playing music with other talented amateur musicians
- Highlights of recommendations to the Board
 - wish the group knew each other better
 - add item for equipment purchases
 - be more open about goals and their progress and the challenges
 - grow audience
 - band rehearsal room setup is sometimes difficult
 - provide section leader training
 - coordinate assistance with percussion set-up and tear-down, esp. at difficult venues
- Are you interested in participating in an IMB 75th year celebration European trip?
 - Yes - 39%
 - Maybe - 47%
 - No - 14%

Review of Five Year Plan

The board reviewed the 2020 – 2024 Organizational Plan and discussed opportunities for meeting the goals. Below is a list of discussion items and actions resulting from the discussion.

- Directors will meet with section leaders on 3/2 at 6:45 to provide provide coaching on band section leadership
- Kathy B volunteered to prepare a new member package
- John M will research purchase of a new podium
- A media relations coordinator is needed
- Kathy Rensing volunteered to coordinate preparation of promotion materials
- A physical mailing address is needed for the band, even needed for establishment of a PO box.
- A code of ethics / safety plan is needed

Website Report

Karen reported that the website was updated last year with a new band banner picture and individual pictures among many other regular updates.

Financial Report

Janet provided a report on year-end financial's. Member donations totaled \$4,285.00. Total income for the year was \$10,310 and total expenses were \$5,560.25. Janet will provide an outline proposal for the 2020 budget at the March board meeting.

The board discussed the benefits of another \$100 donation to Arts for Lawrence and it was approved. Borgmann/Jurek 8/0/0

Proposed Concert Schedule

Jerry reported several changes of persons responsible for scheduling concert venues. The following dates are currently scheduled:

- Zionsville - 8/2
- Arts Garden - 12/12
- Ben Davis 4/30

John M will contact Mike Colburn at Butler University to research possible booking of Schrott Center.

Director Report

John M reported the following:

- Appreciates great playing from the band and the announcers who are pleased to be on-board to continue this year
- There will be a rehearsal at Ben Davis on Monday night prior to the April concert
- Richard Beach has brought several 2020 anniversaries to John's attention including the 250 year anniversary of the birth of Beethoven
- Dan and Sheryl Fyffe are too busy with school activities to continue playing with the band this year. A well-rounded replacement percussionist is needed.
- The following percussion items are needed at the estimated cost of \$710.
 - Bells stand
 - Straight suspended cymbal stand
 - Crash cymbal cradleExpense approved Jurek/Clanton 8/0/0
- Another possible travel opportunity for the band would be to play and a future Association of Concert Bands Annual National Convention. There is a competitive application process requiring recordings to be invited to perform.
- He values suggestions for music
- He plans to invite band members by section to introduce themselves so that we can get to know each other better.
- He has two ideas for possible composers for commissioning a piece for the IMB 75th anniversary year of celebration, Matt Conaway and Dick Saucedo. He will contact them to research the possibility of this.

Review and Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Approved. Jurek/Jenn 8/0/0

Future Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at 6:15 at Lawrence Central High School. A mid-year meeting is planned for June 13th from 9:00 to 12:00.

Close

The meeting was adjourned at Noon. Jenn/Jurek 8/0/0

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Clanton, Secretary