

Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society
Minutes of the July 12, 2009 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 by Vice President Ruth Slates.

Board members present were Phil Slates, Gary Rogers, Ruth Slates, David Slates, and Amy Raab.

1. Phil Slates made a motion for the Board to permit Sharon Day to borrow the Society's cardboard dulcimers through September and October, for an eight-week dulcimer class that she is teaching. Sharon agreed to bring the cardboard dulcimers to the Society as needed for workshops. Ruth Slates seconded the motion, and the Board approved. Sharon will be provided with informational brochures about the CIFM&MDS to share with her class.
2. The June, 2009 Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by Phil Slates, seconded by Dave Slates.
3. The June, 2009 Treasurer's Report was presented by Phil Slates. The report was approved on a motion by Gary Rogers, seconded by Dave Slates.
4. Music Coordinator's Report:
 - a. The CIFM&MDS will play the folk service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 2.
 - b. The State Fair gig is August 23. More details will be forthcoming.
 - c. We are scheduled for Crestwood Village gigs every September Saturday at noon.
 - d. There will be a gig at the Mooresville Library on the first Saturday in December.
 - e. The Speedway gig went very well, and our members enjoyed playing indoors! The audience was friendly and several people were interested in visiting our meeting.
 - f. We have new set leaders coming aboard who will need our patience and support.
5. Phil Slates reported on the name change issue. His small committee is ready with a plan to shorten our name. They plan to attend the August meeting with a proposal for the Board.
6. Ruth Slates reported on the Eagle Creek Festival. The ECFE committee was scheduled to meet on July 13 to discuss the 2009 festival. They will highlight the successes and share new ideas. The Board will hear the results of their findings and ideas at the September Board meeting. One idea shared at today's meeting: The ECFE committee would like to consider the possibility of a two-day festival, with shorter days, if the park is amenable. This option would give performers longer sets.

7. On the topic of CIFM&MDS promotion:
 - a. We will be advertising our monthly meetings in the Indianapolis Star and other publications.
 - b. The Eagle Creek Folk Festival was featured in the Top 5 “Things to Do” in “Let’s Go.”
 - c. At the festival, the Rhythm Kids workshop was very successful.
 - d. The Board discussed the possibility of members visiting schools to demonstrate instruments, discuss traditional American folk music, etc.
 - e. Grants for the arts are available, and we’ll be looking into that possibility.

8. The Board moved to disregard a piece of mail calling for an “Annual Corporate Compliance Fee” from the CIFM&MDS, because the correspondence obviously did not come from a government agency.

9. Member-at-large Gary Rogers brought to the Board’s attention George Babbitt’s desire to offer music books to the society. The Board asked Gary to clarify George’s desire or intent to see if he would prefer that we make the books available to our members, or store them until the December silent auction, or sell or share them in some other way. Gary agreed to further discuss George’s generous offer with George. The Board verified that all such offerings to the CIFM&MDS are tax deductible.

10. Ruth Slates proposed a workshop on “Performing in the Big Band.” It seems timely for the society to discuss ways to improve our big band performances. For example, in our meetings the leader faces the band, but when we perform the leader does not face the band. In the workshop we’ll be discussing ways to follow the leader and keep better time. Perhaps we’ll have a checklist or guideline to help each Big Band member consider “What Do I Bring To the Group As An Ensemble Performer?” The participation of each and every society member in the Big Band performances is both appreciated and desired!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 on a motion by Phil Slates, seconded by Dave Slates.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Raab

Secretary