

Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society
Minutes of the August 8, 2010 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Chuck Morgan. Board members present were George McCord, Gary Rogers, Chuck Morgan, Mike Raab, Amy Raab, and Steve Kessinger. Also present was Barry Levitt.

The Secretary's Report was approved as amended on a motion by Steve Kessinger, seconded by Gary Rogers.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Steve Kessinger, seconded by Mike Raab.

Music Director's Report

1. We played the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church, and Crestwood North gigs. There was a good representation of the society at all events and all went well.
2. Speedway Cable Television gave the society a DVD of the library performance.
3. We've been provided with 25 tickets and info packets for the State Fair gig. The director will pass these out first to those who signed up for the gig and then to others if there are leftovers.

Chuck Morgan asked if any board members thought we needed a policy in regard to individual board members receiving emails from nonmembers requesting music lessons or help selling instruments. After some discussion, the board all agreed that no policy is needed. Each member will continue to deal with their own emails concerning these things according to their own discretion.

New Business: Music Copyright and Performances

President Chuck Morgan asked lawyers of his acquaintance whether we need to continue to pay ASCAP fees. Chuck's associates who are lawyers not retained by CIFM&MDS have determined that the CIFM&MDS is not legally required to pay ASCAP fees. Chuck shared his email correspondence with these friends with the board.

The board discussed the findings of Chuck's friends, noting that their recommendations are worth considering but not as weighty as if the society had solicited this opinion or hired these lawyers to evaluate our practices. The opinions of the board were varied but all agreed that we would need to do more research and have more facts before abandoning the payment of ASCAP fees.

Action items:

1. Chuck Morgan will ask lawyers about the law when we pay performers who are not society members.
2. Amy Raab will research the outcomes of past lawsuits filed by ASCAP against folk music clubs.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Raab
Secretary