

Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society
Minutes of the February 2, 2011 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Ruth Slates. Board members present were Ruth Slates, Rocco Brunelle, Mike Raab, George McCord, and Randi Klees. Also present were Barry Levitt and Amy Raab.

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

The Secretary's Report was approved on a motion by George McCord, seconded by Rocco Brunelle.

Music Coordinator's Report

1. On March 13, which is the date of the next CIFM&MDS meeting, we have a gig in the morning at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Eric Fricke is in charge of this event.
2. Gale Ginther of the Metamora Old-Fashioned Music Festival Steering Committee contacted us about playing at the festival. Mike Raab will follow up on this with Ms. Ginther.
3. A lucrative gig has been secured through Randi Klees' efforts for Thursday, July 7, 2011. We will be providing music for the Heartland Apiary Society Conference at Vincennes University in Terre Haute.
4. The big band will be participating in the Ohio Valley Gathering which will be held in Indianapolis on March 25-26. We will probably be playing on Saturday night.
5. Ruth Slates mentioned that she is watching for gigs that might arise because of the new radio show.
6. Rocco Brunelle is looking for opportunities for us to perform in Carmel and will let us know of any success.
7. Ruth Slates suggested also investigating the summer festivals at Holiday Park in Indianapolis.

Old Business

1. Ruth Slates provided the board with the Local Folk Radio update. The CIFM&MDS is sponsoring and producing a radio show on local station 91.9. The first show will feature an interview with Tull Glazener and a Musicology Moment with Tim Hoke. Recording equipment was brought to the meeting today to record blurbs from members promoting the society. Gary Rogers has composed an excellent theme song for the show, and various society members will be playing and singing along with him.

Ruth and the other leadership for this project are planning many other ways to incorporate many society members' talents into this enterprise. The small groups of the society, such as the DOGS and the Happy Harpers, for example, have been requested to work up a few songs to record for the show. Next month's program will feature a report on the Ohio Valley Gathering and the music of Butch Ross. The featured society member will be Gary Kiser.

New Business

1. Concerning the Ohio Valley Gathering, we will have a hospitality table for the society. All CIFM&MDS members should stop by for coffee and to participate in the ongoing musical joke show that will also be sponsored by some of our members.
2. Rocco Brunelle has been arranging for 2011 performers, resource people, and workshop leaders.
 - a. Rick Thum will be our guest performer next month and will lead a workshop, as well. Webmaster Barry Levitt will add information to the society website about Rick's visit. Flyers will be made available at next month's meeting about Rick's other appearances in the community.
 - b. Kevin Donnelly, a bluegrass banjo player and acquaintance of Rocco's, is interested in coming as a guest performer. The date for his visit will likely be in September.
 - c. Rocco has prepared a sign-up sheet for volunteers to be resource people for the society in 2011. He has had a few volunteers already but is seeking more.
3. Ruth Slates received an email from Linda at Arthur's Music Store. Linda is interested in increasing the friendly connection between Arthur's and the CIFM&MDS. She is considering offering to underwrite the radio show for one month. Another idea of hers is to bundle a society membership and songbook along with the purchase of a new mountain dulcimer for her customers at Arthur's. Arthur's has a similar arrangement with a local banjo group and it has been beneficial to both parties. Ruth is in favor of this, and a straw poll of the 2011 board members present shows favorable interest. Ruth will continue discussion of this topic at next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m. on a motion by Rocco Brunelle, seconded by Mike Raab.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Raab