

ABBA Board Meeting  
Saturday, 25 Sept 2010  
Subway Restaurant, Coon Rapids

Present: David, Gordy, Chris, Jerry, & Sue  
Guests: Mike, Ric, & Kent (who was just hungry)

1. The Board approved the budget as presented by Jerry at the SC meeting last week.
2. The Board will continue to pay Mike \$1,000 per "concert set."  
When Mike is asked to arrange a piece for the LWBB, he will be paid a mutually agreed upon amount commensurate with the nature & length of the piece in question.
3. Ric noted concerns about the 5th rehearsal which the SC voted to add to each future Fall & Winter concert set, including considerations relevant to ARCC as the host site. David noted that the sole concert for each program originally was held on a Sunday, the day after the 4th rehearsal, thus illustrating how the original commitment has already increased from 4 weekends to 5. The Board decided that while rehearsal time is presently tight relative to the current program, this issue could and should be addressed by the work of the Concert & Music Committees, in that respective order, on an as- needed basis moving forward.
- 3a. The Board appreciated the wisdom in Jerry's suggestion at the last meeting that certain ideas need more time for rumination, and thus should not be voted on within the same meeting in which they were presented. The Board noted that that approach would be a good idea in several instances for the SC as well, such as this idea of a 5th rehearsal.
4. Ric expressed scheduling concerns relative to the proposed 20th Anniversary Concert on March 11, 2012, primarily that that date falls within ARCC's spring break, which has several potential ramifications. The Board agreed that March 4th makes more sense as a date for that event, which means there would only be 2 rehearsals after the MMEA/Wilby weekend prior to the concert. The Music Committee will be able to program strategically to ensure that that concert is no less substantial but is still realistically do-able given those schedule limitations.
5. The Board discussed further the SC Chair position. No action was taken.
6. The Board approved Jerry's plan to purchase Visa gift cards for people in certain roles so that ABBA funds can be used directly for Band expenses, thus avoiding the need for individuals to pay for Band expenses on personal credit cards or from personal funds/accounts.
7. In light of #3 and #4 above, the Board noted the importance of Ric's role as its liaison with ARCC and subsequently formalized his role an Ex-Officio member of the Board with the title of "Liaison."

8. Given the LWBB's present solid financial state, the Board began a brief discussion of possible needs or projects before the meeting was adjourned.