



IDEA Trustee Meeting (via Zoom)

April 17, 2024

I. Call To Order.

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Jim Waldorf at 7:30 PM. (although scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM, internet gremlins took control for 30 minutes). The following Trustees were present: J. Waldorf, B. Cearnal, E. Meseth, E. Holtz and B. Squires. Guest: Rich Hansen.

II. Treasurer's Report.

The IDEA fund value was \$180,857 at 3/9/24 as compared to \$169,066 at 12/31/23 and \$144,608 at 12/31/22. The value of the fund at the close of business today (4/17/24) is 175,077.40. Since 12/31/22, contributions received have totaled \$2960 and distributions have totaled \$5866 for Harmony College Midwest, a school and district quartet and a chapter event. Jim W announced that an unused \$340 for scholarships to Harmony College Midwest will be returned by T. Buettel.

III. Secretary's Report.

The minutes of the Trustee's meeting on September 22, 2023, had been previously distributed. The report was passed on motion by B. Cearnal and second by B. Squires. Included with the Minutes were the status of changes in Trustees (Hansen, Cearnal, and Waldorf). These changes were sent to Glenn Mills, District webmaster which should soon appear on the District website.

IV. Old Business.

A. Acceptance of new letterhead design. B. Squires had previously sent the design to Trustees which was approved without a vote.

B. District website. The District website, which is used by IDEA for information, contributions and for project funding requests, has been undergoing a redesign (see above Item III). Release date to go live has not been revealed but, according to R. Hansen, the District webmaster Glenn Mills, said we need to have patience.

---At this point the Zoom meeting timed out and resumed at 8:20 PM---

V. New Business.

A. Contributions via Website. The redesigned website will be home to **IDEA Direct** where contributions to IDEA may be made on a regular basis via credit card or from an individual's bank account.

B. Expected amount of 2024 funding for grants received. Executive Director Waldorf said that as of this date no requests have been received but Trustees should be aware that they will be forthcoming and that we



need to avoid a “first come, first served” distribution. Funding distributions should be based on a) the amount of money available and, b) the probable number of requests. For the former, best practices suggest 5% of money available; the latter is harder to predict but we know that some requests recur (i.e.: Harmony College Midwest, YIH festivals) yet others are from quartets and/or individuals seeking support for coaching and other educational purposes. Trustees were reluctant to codify a procedure.

C. Need for Emeritus Trustee designation. Trustee Emeritus Joe Sullivan has requested that he be relieved of his IDEA duties; does this mean relinquishing the “Emeritus” title as well? The answer, to which all agreed, is that the honorarium, bestowed by IDEA Trustees, is a lifetime title. J. Waldorf then presented our most recently retired Trustee, Rich Hansen, as Emeritus-designate. B. Cearnal moved and E. Holtz seconded that Hansen be awarded Emeritus status. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Mutual fund signers. Treasurer Holtz pointed out that both he and B. Cearnal (as Executive Director) are signers for our mutual funds and that E. Meseth is an alternate signer for the checking account. E. Holtz asked if J. Waldorf, as the new Executive Director, replace B. Cearnal. Waldorf pointed out that his job with Wells Fargo precludes his being a signer on the funds.

VI. Next Meeting of Trustees.

The next meeting of Trustees will be held on September 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM in Bloomington, IL, in the President’s Suite during the Illinois District Convention.

V. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM on a motion by E. Meseth and second by B. Squires.

Submitted in harmony,

Earl Meseth

IDEA Secretary