CMS Great Plains Business Meeting
Saturday, March 2, 2019
DK Auditorium, Coe College, 3PM

Officers present
Loralee Songer, President
Angela Miller-Niles, Secretary
Paul Lombardi, Treasurer
Michelle Blair, Program chair
David Moskowitz, program committee
Matthew Haakenson, composition chair
Eileen Hayes, CMS President

Other CMS members

Call to order by Loralee Songer

Old Minutes reviewed by those present
- Paul Lombardi move to approve, Dave Moskowitz second

Treasurer’s report (Paul Lombardi)
Discussed budget numbers. Goal is not to go lower, stay the same or go up; this year had additional expense—gave money to a grad student to present at the national conference; we have fewer members as well so may be down by around $500

President’s report (Loralee Songer)
Thank you to all who helped make the conference a success: Coe College; Bob Bensen, tech director; Carter, tech help; Adam, student help; Michelle Blair, program chair; Matt Haakenson, composition chair

29 registered for conference at this point, 6 are students

Songer will have Zoom conference with other regional chairs soon. Sharing info from Dr. Hayes from National
- trying to make common topic more robust
- continue culture of philanthropy in the organization
- Symposium now peer-reviewed
- reviewing the governance committee
- National conference in Louisville in October: probably no pre-conferences this time
Thoughts on next conferences
- KU 2020—Paul Laird
- USD 2021
- looking for program and composition chairs
- discussed keynote speakers: Delta David Gier possibly, KU may have ideas

2019 Common Topic
- Fostering Equity and Inclusion in Music
- keynote speaker discussed this earlier and took comments from the audience; Songer asked for any further discussion

New Business
- Elections held and all posts covered for two-year positions: President Amanda McCandless, Secretary Merrin Guice Gill, Treasurer Paul Lombardi

Motion to adjourn by Dave Moskowitz, second by Paul Lombardi