

Midland Concert Band Board of Directors Meeting – January 19, 2016

Grace A. Dow Library Conferemce Room B



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Huss | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Dowdy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Selley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Christiansen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Reed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Schutz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mara Simanskey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Belisle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyla Reed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joel Wiseman | <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Selley | |

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by the Chair Mary Huss. Also in attendance was Karen Finlayson (Website).

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting were sent by Dave via email, and all present had read them. Denise moved to approve the minutes, Kyla seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: (Denise) Summary reports for November and December were distributed and reviewed. Denise noted that there was still some discrepancy on the MCB advertisement and Everett Carpet – where payment is sent-but this will be resolved. Denise also noted that there had been some overpayment and some refunds issued for some special cases, but these were one-time occurrences. Dave moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Mary seconded the motion, and the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Conductor's Report: (Joel) Joel continues to work with Jim Hohmeyer to coordinate rehearsals with the Center Stage Chorale. Except as noted below for upcoming concert activities, no other new activity.

Education and Scholarship Program: (Sharon) Per Sharon, no applications have yet been received, but this has been typical in past years due to school schedules and other factors. Anticipating that there will be sufficient applications received in the next month, those present agreed to dedicate the next board meeting to primarily selecting scholarship recipients. Jim Schutz proposed setting a default date for this and future meetings, and after some discussion, the third Wednesday of each month was selected. Therefore the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

A new educational program – a mentoring program to sponsor local instructors as “coaches” for Midland County school band students is taking shape. A separate meeting to forge additional details is planned in the next week. Rachel Morr (MCB trumpet) has tentatively agreed to act as the MCB coordinator for this program.

Web and Social Media: Jim has audited the current web content and provided feedback to Karen to allow for updating and removing extraneous content. More current pictures will be requested from members, and there will be some opportunity to have additional photos taken by volunteers - such as Sharon's husband. It was also suggested to add a “slide show” to the website that auto-scrolls, and Karen will look into adding this feature.

Upcoming Concert “to-do” list: Per Joel, he has filled the role of Stage Manager, Pyrotechnics Coordinator, and has a good lead through Mary on Civil War re-enactors. There is still a need for an audio-visual coordinator to run slides and videos during the concert – so likely not a role for a playing member. Joel will make announcements regarding the need and duties at the next rehearsal.

Director of Printed Materials: (Matt) The “drop dead” date for program submissions is still a ways off, around the first week of March is planned. Due to the multiple participants, this will be a *full* program.

Director of Marketing: (Mara) Mara asked for each board member to become familiar with Asana to help review marketing materials, and offered to give tutorials. Joel provided the title for the next concert: “America’s Greatest Heroes” – and this will be useful in marketing the concert.

The Directors of **Program Advertising** (Kyla) , **Special Projects and Tickets** (Andrew), and **Hospitality** (Jim) had no new activity to report.

Next meeting: As agreed, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30 PM. Jim Schutz has kindly offered to host the meeting at his home.

Mary moved to adjourn, Denise seconded; and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.