

Midland Concert Band Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, December 21, 2016

Schutz Residence

Attendance:

Sue Bovid  
Matthew Christianson  
Kasee Diaz  
Patrick Heider  
Mary Huss  
Ellen Peden  
Jim Schutz  
Mara Simanskey

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chair, Mary Huss.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** (Patrick)

November 16, 2016 minutes were read by all present and no corrections were needed. Mara moved to approve, Jim seconded. Approved.

**Chair's Report:** (Mary)

MCFTA Ticket Sales: Discussed necessity of deciding on changing ticket sales to be handled by the Midland Center for the Arts. Mara explained that we are unlikely to be pressured to make that decision this season. Decided to table further discussion until we have more information and interest from the MCFTA. Mary will talk to Rachel about investigating additional options like online sales through our website.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Sue)

Financial Statement: The board reviewed the financial statement provided by Sue.

MCB Owned Equipment: Sue located list of instruments owned by the band. Currently the two large items are a tuba and a contra-alto clarinet. The percussion instruments are listed as miscellaneous. The value the instruments are insured at seems high and Sue will look into if we can reduce expenses by lowering the claimed value.

Miscellaneous Items: Tuba Christmas was given \$200 to use as a seed for their cash box. Greg Bovid has been paid for reproducing the October concert DVDs.

**Director of Printed Materials' Report:** (Matthew)

Concert Attendance: Estimate that 458 people attended the concert based on programs distributed. Additional programs will be brought to the next rehearsal for band members.

**Director of Tickets and Special Projects' Report:** (Rachel, provided by Mary)

Ticket Sales: We sold two tickets by credit card at the last concert. The board will need to locate a backup for selling tickets at the concert as the usual people are unavailable.

Mentoring Program: The mentors in the program have not been active in setting up sessions in schools. The program does not seem to be functioning despite repeated and significant efforts by the MCB Board. Mary motioned to suspend the program and halt funding of events.

**Director of Education's Report:** (Ellen)

Alden and Vada Dow Foundation Funds: The board discussed how to reallocate the \$4,000 grant for education activities following suspension of the mentoring program.

Jim provided an option to help fund a clinic to be provided by members of the Brass Band of Battle Creek around May 20, 2017. Jim estimated the total cost for the master class would be \$3,000-4,000 and had discussed providing \$1,500 to the organizer for support from the MCB with the organizer writing grants to cover the remainder. We would also need to organize a venue for the event. A decision is needed during the meeting since the band members are organizing flights for their concert.

The board also discussed using some funds to further support the expanded scholarship program. There appeared to be significant interest from middle school students and we may receive more applications than originally expected. Using the funds from the grant would permit us to demonstrate creation of a new program using the funds.

Ellen moved and Mara seconded the following proposal. The band will allocate \$2,000 of the grant to fund a master class by members of the Brass Band of Battle Creek with \$1,500 directly and \$500 available to reserve a venue as well as other expenses associated with the event. The remaining \$2,000 from the grant would be allocated towards scholarships for middle school students to attend summer music camps. Approved.

Scholarship Program: Application forms for the scholarship program have been sent out to band directors. Ellen has also met with the Midland Foundation to review our administering of grants to fund the scholarship program.

**Director of Advertising's Report:** (Kasee, provided by Patrick)

Ad Payments: Only one advertiser is still unpaid. Patrick is in contact with them and working with them to get a check paid to the band. One advertiser has an error in their ad and would like to change it. Patrick provided the option to reprint the remaining covers at their expense.

**Secretary's Report:** (Patrick)

Acknowledgement Letters: Patrick will send the Gerstacker Foundation an acknowledgement letter for their grant.

Bylaws Update: Patrick discussed updating bylaws and members handbook. He will provide a strikethrough update with items mentioned at recent board meetings and email to the board for review and additions. A decision on if and which changes to be presented to the band for approval in the spring.

Patrick moved and Jim seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.