

Midland Concert Band Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Bovid Residence

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Chair, Mary Huss.

Bylaws revision:

The Midland Concert Band membership voted to update the band bylaws at the February 9, 2017 rehearsal. Ellen Peden moved and Rachel Morr seconded and the amendments were approved by show of hands. The current version was filed with the secretary and made available through the band website.

Student scholarship program:

The board reviewed applications for the MCB student scholarships. A few recommendations were made for next year. First, a form should be included with the application that has fields to fill in to make submissions more consistent. This form could also be used online for students to fill out. A rubric for evaluating the applicants should be created to make comparing a large number of students easier. Lastly, a committee could be formed to review the initial list and make an initial proposal for awards to facilitate a more efficient review by the larger board. Mary will speak to Dave Selly about applying for another grant from the Alden and Vada Dow Foundation to support the middle school scholarship program.

Summary of the scholarships:

Pederson scholarship: \$750 gift to the MCB to award to a 9-11 grade student who plays low brass (baritone, euphonium, tuba, etc.) for their use on a music related expense. This is a new scholarship for 2017.

Pamela J. Rowe Endowed Music Scholarship: Award \$750 from endowment to 9-11 grade student who plays flute for use on a music related expense.

William A. Crozier Memorial Scholarship: Award \$500 from funds received in memory of William Crozier to a 9-11 grade student who plays a woodwind instrument for their use on a music related expense. This is the last year for this scholarship.

MCB high school scholarship: Award of four \$500 scholarships to 9-11 grade students for their use on a music related expense. This comes from MCB band funds.

MCB middle school scholarship: Award \$420 scholarship to 7-8 grade students to attend summer music camp. This year \$2,000 was provided by an Alden and Vada Dow Foundation grant as well as \$2,200 from MCB band funds for a total of ten awards. Originally \$2,000 was budgeted. Ellen motioned to increase the funds available by \$200 to allow an additional award to be made. Mary seconded. The motion was approved.

All high school student recipients will be required to attend rehearsals and perform with the MCB at the spring performance. All middle school student recipients will be required to attend rehearsals and perform with the MCB at the spring performance for the 7th grade piece selection.

Awardees:

Pederson: Lucas Branganca

Rowe: Emilia Teed

Corzier: Abraham Yum

MCB High School: Tomas Briggs, Karina Kennard, Rebekah Kindy, Justin Taylor

MCB Middle School: Billy Buchalski, Ana Butkiewicz, Brianna Cartier, Kate Frank, Brenden Granzo, Anna Kozel, Quinn McMath, Aiden Shephard, Aden Taylor, Julie Wing

Secretary: (Patrick)

January 18, 2017 minutes were submitted for review. Pat motioned to accept and Jim seconded. Approved.

Patrick presented proposed changes to the handbook. This was done to incorporate language taken out of the bylaws to include in the handbook. In addition to a few grammar changes, the following sections were motioned for addition:

IX. Membership Dues Policy

1. Dues will be waived for current board members and for any member who donates \$75 or more during the concert season.

X. Monetary Policy

1. Board members may spend or commit to spend up to \$100 of discretionary money without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Mary seconded the motion and the additions were approved by a two thirds vote.

Patrick received a box of old records from David Selley containing mostly items from past secretaries. He will review them and retain any necessary documents and provide Kasee any documents of historical interest.

Advertising: (Kasee)

Patrick submitted the advertising binder to Kasee. No further action is needed until the summer when advertisers are contacted to renew their purchases.

Master Class:

The Brass Band of Battle Creek is still working with Jim to confirm which artist will be available to play at the MCB spring concert and host a master class the following day. Joel is still looking into where to host the master class. He will look into if any Midland area churches have a hall that would be appropriate for the master class.

Treasurer: (Sue)

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Kasee motioned to approve and Mary seconded. Approved.

Marketing: (Mara)

A radio ad has been submitted to The Bay for the winter concert. Mara also sent an ad to Midland Daily News for publication online and in print for the winter concert. A Facebook event has also been published. Mara will work with Ellen to submit a press release to the Midland Daily News about scholarship winners.

Education: (Ellen)

Ellen will work with board members and Joel to create a photo release form to submit to scholarship winners so we can use photographs from the spring concert.

Director: (Joel)

No report.

Tickets and Special Projects: (Rachel)

The City Forest Chalet has been reserved for May 18 from 5-9 PM. This is longer than the 6-8 PM reservation from 2016. Rachel moved to permit spending \$160 on the expense and Ellen seconded. Approved.

Substitute ticket takers are required for the winter concert. Two volunteers are needed. She will request for help from the band at the next rehearsal.

Printed Materials: (Matt)

The finalized program will be submitted to the printers at the end of the week. Matt has decided to use the final 1,000 program covers to print 400 copies for the winter concert and 600 copies for the spring concert.

Hospitality: (Jim)

Nothing to report.

Chair: (Mary)

Mary will announce open board positions for election at the end of the year. She will emphasize the bylaws requirement that nominations occur 30 days prior to election to avoid last minute nominations on the day of elections

Motion by Sue to adjourn. Mara seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.