

Midland Concert Band Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
Huss Residence

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by the president, Mary Huss.

Attendance:

Megan Carlsen
Katelynn Kozar

Patrick Heider
Ellen Peden

Mary Huss
Joel Wiseman

Action items:

Facebook page: Kenny will get added as an administrator for the Facebook page and add other board members so there is redundancy in ownership.

Digital concert recordings: Sue will ask about getting digital recordings available for the band. Mary (suggested, not present) will inquire at MCTV about their broadcasting and selling band recordings.

Scholarship schools: Resume discussion of extending scholarship program to additional schools.

Alden and Vada Dow foundation grant: Pat will get a copy of the submission from Dave for the secretary's records.

Business sponsored concert: Shelly is working on a proposal for a business to sponsor a concert.

Ad sales: Travis will reconcile collected money and ads sold and printed in the program.

Ads on tickets: Megan will look into options to add ads to tickets.

Scholarship recipients in newsletter: Mary will list the names of scholarship recipients in the next newsletter after obtaining OK from students.

Concert dress: Mary will announce that skirts are available from Ellen for women who need them for the concert. She will also make clear the policy that leggings and yoga pants are not acceptable dress for performances.

Program changes: Megan will print out the concert order to pass around the band for the concert. This can be on half or quarter sheets and just have the music listed in order. Megan will work with Greg to get his program notes to include in the program. Megan will include an acknowledgement for the Gerstacker Foundation grant.

Performer names in program: Mary will review list of performers with section leaders to ensure the list is accurate.

Ticket package pricing: Rachel will develop a proposal for package ticket costs to align with the price increase on individual tickets.

Marketing poster costs: Kenny will talk to Stacie about providing pre-made posters for a season to reduce the costs to develop individual posters for each performance.

Flyer for spring concert: Kenny will look into creating a flyer specifically highlighting the guest pianist. This can be made by volunteers and be separate from the normal flyer Stacie makes.

Job duties: All members should review the job duties document to update and assist in deciding on potential ways to reduce the number of jobs on the board.

Music loaning: The board need to decide on a policy for loaning music. As part of this, Mary will talk to the librarian about the options discussed by the board.

Student guests: Mary will confirm the names of all students to include in the program. Ellen will give scholarship winners a photo release form so they can be included in the program.

Scholarship program purchase: Ellen will work with student and local music store to handing reimbursement for instrument through scholarship program.

Band logo: Any board member with a high resolution copy of the logo should send it out.

Spring concert program: Ellen will send Megan photos and bios from scholarship winners. Megan will confirm name spellings for band members

Ellen motioned and Pat seconded to accept the March 2018 meeting minutes. Passed.

Director's report:

The band will play at the tridge rededication. Enough musicians for different parts have signed up. The band will rehearse May 11 and perform in the morning of May 12. Music will be from bound books of marches.

Currently both guest soloists will fly back in time to attend the dress rehearsal. If flight is delayed, the pianist will be available for the warm-up rehearsal on Sunday. The vocalist is less certain about returning by the dress rehearsal and may not make the concert. The vocalist will only be performing an opening number for the second half with the pianist and an encore with the pianist. Joel is planning on having the pianist prepare alternatives in case the vocalist is not available. Joel suggested interest in the pianist specifically would make a separate flyer highlighting the pianist useful to post with area piano instructors. This would be important to have sooner to it can be circulated.

Chair's report:

There still are no nominations for the open board positions. The board discussed how the number of jobs or board positions could possibly be reduced. Some positions only require work during certain times of the year which would allow overlap in duties. This would make it easier to fill the board and not need to have open positions after elections. The job roles document should be updated and reviewed to see how this could work.

The question of how the band should share music was raised. Recently another group asked for our music and the result was our librarian had to spend a lot of extra time photocopying the music using the band's paper to fulfill the request. Joel has been discussing with area music directors about creating a list of music each band owns to promote sharing of music that is available. The board discussed options including not sending any originals or only sending originals. Not sending originals requires copying music which may not be acceptable for all of our library. Sending originals runs the risk of losing the music and needing it replaced. A compromise position was discussed where only originals would be sent out with the agreement that they would be replaced if lost. Any music that cannot be replaced, for instance not being in print or an original composition, would not be permitted to be loaned out. Mary will discuss these options with the librarian.

Director of education's report:

Ellen has received the recommendations from area 7th grade music instructors for the outstanding 7th grader program. They are listed below:

St. Brigid (Judyth Peterson): Raven Driver (flute), Nathan Gambrell (clarinet), Eden Friedman (clarinet), Anthony Storer (clarinet), John Jenkins (baritone)

Jefferson (Nikki Bruski): Brendan Dastick (tuba), Makayla Anderson (trumpet), Shubhan Nagarkar (clarinet), Tai Moore (flute), Danny Safadi (trombone)

Meridian (Matt Shephard): Catie Wildfong (oboe), Elizabeth Smith (oboe), Jonah Shephard (trombone), Owen Wright (tuba), Chase Ehmcke (trombone), Braelyn Arnold (percussion)

Bullock Creek (Josephine Bossenberger): Marcy Farlow (oboe), Emma Bott (trombone), Kyle Kutzke (tuba), Logan Mann (percussion), Kolton Riddle (tuba), Wyatt VanDyke (alto sax)

Northeast (Eric Attard): Ben Bucci (horn), Samuel Ringgold (tenor sax), Liam Burns (baritone), Jorja Palmer (bass clarinet), Molly Maloney (clarinet)

All summer camp scholarships are in place with the students having completed their applications. Mary will handle getting all names for students playing in the concert checked at the next rehearsal. Ellen will get photo release forms for scholarship winners which will have their photograph in the program. One student wants to use funds to pay for an instrument purchased following the scholarship which means reimbursing Meridian Winds. This is to avoid paying the student's family directly.

Director of hospitality's report:

Katelynn has taken on the role and has a list from Jim on how to run the band picnic. She wants to begin announcing birthdays at rehearsal. This information needs to be collected from band members. It could be added to a general band member information form.

Director of printed materials' report:

A few board members could use a high resolution version of the band logo. Megan will send out the copy she has. Megan will confirm names for the program at the next rehearsal and is currently working on a rough draft of the next program. She will need photos and bios from scholarship winners which Ellen can provide.

Webmaster's report:

The webstore for tickets is running and linked on Facebook and the website. Scholarship winners are listed on the website.

Director of tickets and special projects:

Rachel has reviewed the tickets and we have enough for the last concert.

Director of advertising:

Travis is working to understand the situation where the incorrect ad size was given and charged.

Mary motioned and Pat seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Passed.

The next meeting will be on May 16 at 6:30 PM at the Huss residence. The summer meetings will be on June 20 at the Peden residence and August 15 at the Carlsen residence.