

Midland Concert Band Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2019

Huss Residence

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

Attendance:

Kenny Barnt

Sharon Belisle

Sue Bovid

Megan Carlsen

Patrick Heider

Travis Hein

Mary Huss

Ellen Peden

Joel Wiseman

Action items:

Scholarship schools: Kenny can propose next year. - Tabled

Business sponsored concert: No progress so far. Revisit this summer. - Tabled

Winter performance branding: Advertise as Christmas or Holiday or other. - Tabled

Music loaning: This was discussed in April 2018. Mary will write up a proposal to include in the handbook for librarian to reference.

Webmaster role: Pat has reached out, but will reach out again once new roles are discussed this summer.

Equipment manager role: This role is unfilled and needs a replacement. Review this summer with other roles.

Jazz band director: Rachel is looking into candidates for Jazz Band director.

Water bottles: Mary is looking into options for purchasing water bottles for the band to use during concerts from Saginaw Knitting Mill.

Review board positions: Discuss one board position at each meeting to summarize duties and tasks performed. Review ongoing this summer

MCFTA membership: Mary will get contract information on what this would entail. She will also inquire about parking for the scholarship concert and concerts about the Dow Gardens / Whiting Forest with other shows in the MCFTA. MCFTA did not offer additional options for parking at scholarship concert.

Bass clarinet: Look into options to buy a new clarinet and band members who have one that they could loan.

Minutes:

Mary motioned and Pat seconded to approve the April board meeting minutes. Passed.

Bass Clarinet:

The band may be without a bass clarinet player. Considering purchasing an instrument to give to a member to play. Will also look into if an existing band member owns an instrument that can be loaned to someone to play.

December concert:

Joel is able to get the brass band to perform in the concert. He is still looking for a second group that could play to expand the diversity of groups at the performance.

Year in review:

The board discussed thoughts and feedback from the past year.

The concert themes worked well and helped in advertisements. The picnic went well with good food and attendance. Pacing during the concert was better. Music mix at concert was well received by some. Posters were well done by Travis.

The percussion section could use help moving equipment onto and off the concert stage. Board will need to consider how to encourage members to volunteer similar to stage teardown. Some performers dislike certain musical selections. Percussion changes during rehearsal can be slow and performers want to resume playing faster.

Scholarship payments:

Kenny and Sue need to meet to discuss making payments to recipients.

MCB management and operations:

The board began to review required tasks and stakeholder demands for operation of the band.

Mary motioned and Ellen seconded to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Passed.

The next board meeting will be determined by polling the board.