

Midland Concert Band

Board of Directors- May 17, 2022

Members present- Dave Selley, Gaye Terwillegar, Sue Bovid, Sue Gessford, Karen Shields, Joel Wiseman, Brittany, Kerry Smith

Meeting called to order- 7:05pm

1. Review and approve minutes from the last March 22, 2022. (All 5 min)

Dave motion to approve, Sue B seconded. Motion carried.

2. Review and approve treasurer's report. (All – 5 min)

MCB concentrates on scholarships to youth in community. We currently have adequate funds for projected needs. Attached is the MCB April Income Statement and Spending Detail. In April we paid out \$5,180 in scholarships, which included \$4,680 for 8 Camp Scholarships.

In May (not included yet in this statement), we paid another \$1,500 for the Eaton and Pollack Scholarships. We have yet to receive requests for \$1,000 of MCB Scholarships and \$1,000 for the Pam Rowe Scholarship. Requests to the Midland Foundation will need to be submitted to reimburse MCB for both Rowe Scholarships.

MCB received a letter from The Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundations advising us that we have been awarded a \$3,500 grant for the Camp Scholarship program to be paid to our organization in mid-June.

Attached is the MCB April Income Statement and Spending Detail.

Sue and Dave both stressed MCB concentrates on scholarships to community students. Sue G moved to approve and Dave seconded.

Motion carried to approve Financial Report.

3. Education report and discussion of Sue's proposal for future (Sue G. to lead – 10 min)

Sue does not have a proposal yet. Her thought is to turn over the selection process to Herter with a scholarship application, similar to the one previously forwarded. Sue G believes Herter will work with us on identifying students in need. We would make a donation to Herter with whatever money we wanted to use for scholarships. We would then make a form available to the Midland County

students whose parents would submit along with their applications. There would not be a playing component. It's getting too hard to keep track of 30 students with multiple parent contacts and conflicts. Sue G would prefer to keep what we're doing with the high school kids and concentrate on Outstanding 7th graders, who might be Herter Campers as well. Those are, frankly, the kids most likely to continue in school band and beyond.

Sue G finds the process of identifying, notifying, following up & following up again when an email bounces; nearly impossible. Add in 4 directors who want to be helpful but busy w/ end of year commitments. Also, parents who may not read an email and kids who are in three other activities; we have an extremely chaotic situation. Sue G would like to require the student must be signed up for the next year's band to have a scholarship, which minimizes students quitting band after camp. The proposal might be to send money designated for Midland County students to Herter. This will be easier for parents as well. Sue G. will gather more info and hopes to vote on at next MCB meeting. Sue B suggested advertise on our WS as well as Herter. Herter would select scholarship winners. Discussion to continue next meeting.

4. Conductor's Report (Joel- 5 min)

Question- Will Greg be announcing? Joel will inquire.

Joel found t-shirts in his basement that we could use for middle schoolers.

We may extend rehearsal until 9 pm after next rehearsal.

5. Concert Prep: (Dave to lead – 10 min)

Publicity / Programs- Dave has flyers to post throughout community.

Dave wants to post flyer on FB w/ advertising with cost up to \$500.

Britany will work on this. Dave would also like to include concert selections, grant sponsors, students performing on program and suggestion about donations to MCB. Brittany will have a draft ready for review Thurs rehearsal.

Percussion- Jim S. will bring MMBB percussion equipment to us. Dave to confirm details. Approx. \$100 rental to MMBB.

6. Bylaws and elections (Dave – 10 min)

Sue G suggested have budget set with conductor wages by Mar. 1

Dave- Member handbook can wait however Bylaws changes are urgent. MCB Members to review on website.

Karen will get all posted by Thurs.

Three-week rule needs to be waived to two weeks just for this year. Dave believes a five-member board is manageable and will work well.

7. Conductor Compensation (All – 5 min)

Joel currently receives \$1,200/ concert, Dave suggested \$1,500/ concert. Sue B. thinks up to \$1,600.

Board discussion.

Gaye made motion to increase to \$1600/ concert, Sue B seconded.

Unanimous approval.

Other MCB compensation-Jazz Band compensation- Jacob

We are scheduled for 2 Jazz Band concerts @ \$500- already in budget.

Also, Sue B will get a \$100 gift card for Brenda Selley.

8. Roundtable (All – 5 min)

Sue B- Should we have a MCB picnic, maybe after Labor Day? Sept 1?

Sue G mentioned Fun Zone? Members supported.

Sue G- None

Karen-Requested Bylaw changes and donor list submitted put on website

Kerry- None

Britany- Confirmed marketing details/ flyer and FB.

Dave- None

Gaye- None

9. **Next meeting-** 16th or 17th August

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Submitted by Gaye Terwillegar, Secretary