

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
September 18, 2022**

Members present: Sue Bovid, Sue Gessford, Brittany Perry, Dave Selley, Kerry Smith, Karen Shields

Meeting called to order: 1:02 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (August 17, 2022)

Sue B. made the motion to approve with no corrections. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

Education Report (Sue G.)

The Herter camp application has been finalized and submitted. They will let us know when it goes online. Due to staffing changes, Herter will have a new camp coordinator TBD. Camp scholarship priority will go to 8th graders, but 7th graders can apply. The MCB website will be updated with Herter/high school applications and due dates as needed.

Treasurer's Report (Sue B.)

The final expense report for 2021-22 was reviewed. The kickoff picnic (with the new date and location) was well-received. Making the fall picnic a regular event, either in place of or in addition to the spring picnic, was discussed. Sue G. suggested advertising in MDN to attract new players and making the fall picnic into a welcoming event.

Dave moved to approve the report. Karen seconded, and the motion carried.

The budget for 2022-23 was reviewed. Scholarship and grant projections were updated. Money may be available for 10 high school scholarships, an impressive accomplishment given the unpredictability of the past two seasons. The insurance amount in the budget has already been spent for annual insurance premiums. The jazz band winter concert at the library will not charge admissions but will take donations. Budget line items are included for the jazz band conductor and guest fees, including Santa for the holiday concert. Discussion of the publicity budget and efforts for the first concert followed. MDN advertising has been set up, and the concert is on the MCFTA calendar and road sign.

Sue G. moved to approve the budget. Brittany seconded, and the motion carried.

Member Handbook revisions (All)

Discussion started with attendance policy updates to reflect the need for people to stay home if they feel sick without feeling penalized for missing rehearsal. The consensus was that MCB needs to be adaptable given the pandemic and to accommodate the time constraints of adults.

Board members also discussed the section leaders' role in monitoring attendance and making personnel changes as needed, versus the conductor's responsibility. Agreement was made to put together a list of section leaders to help people know who to contact about attendance issues, and the list should be posted online rather than included in the bylaws so it can be easily updated.

Changes to the hospitality policy are needed but first board member roles need to be clarified, so discussion of this item will come later.

The ticket policy needs updating since MCFTA is managing ticket sales now. Issuing comp tickets needs to be a rare occurrence since MCFTA needs to account for every ticket and may charge for comps, and MCB ticket prices are low anyway. Comp tickets were easy to get in the past and have been overused. Band members should now request comp tickets from the board, which will decide whether to approve requests on a case-by-case basis.

Sue B. moved to approve the handbook changes. Karen seconded, and the motion carried.

Roundtable/other topics

Dave:

- MPS has a new activity coordinator (previous one retired) – scheduling has been a little different while the new coordinator gets familiar with us.
- Ken Bellen is not available for CD recording this season. Joel may follow up with MCTV.
- MCB will apply for the AB Dow grant and will submit the application in February. Past funding has helped with the Herter program.
- Should MCB add a processing fee for credit card payments? Board agreed to add a fee. MCB also needs to figure out how to record transaction details (name/what the payment is for) since Square does not. The store links online may need to be removed until that is figured out.

Sue B.: Sue G. sent receipts – needs clarification of amount to reimburse.

Brittany: Facebook ad to go out tomorrow - need to clarify how to pay for it. She is working on concert posters, and a draft of the program is coming.

Karen: Will complete latest website updates – rehearsal schedule, remove store links temporarily, and will add section leaders when the list is complete.

Next meeting: Sunday, October 16 @ 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 2:05 pm; Dave moved to adjourn, Sue G. seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary