

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2024**

Members present: Sue Bovid, Sue Gessford, Brittany Perry, Brenda Selley, Dave Selley, Kerry Smith, Beth Thomas, Joel Wiseman, Jacob Wisenbach

Meeting called to order: 1:26 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (December 3, 2023)

Dave moved to approve the minutes with no corrections. Kerry seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Beth for Sue B.)

Taxes had to be submitted manually since the IRS website was down. Sue B. is working with Beth to transfer responsibilities. Sue G. moved to approve the Treasurer's report without corrections. Dave seconded, and the motion carried.

Conductors' Report (Joel/Jacob)

Joel: the band has been rehearsing well with challenging material. *Liberty Fanfare* will be moved to the next concert, which may have a patriotic theme. The fanfare might be the most challenging piece of the spring concert, so it could be a useful tool for high school directors to gauge the abilities of students applying for scholarships. He is mapping out room assignments for sectionals at next Thursday's rehearsal. Sections with similar parts will rehearse together. Sue G. mentioned that there is a swimming meet at Dow High on Thursday so hallways will not be practical for sectionals and maybe we could arrange for other rooms. Dave will check into that before Thursday and coordinate with Joel.

Jacob: The library contract for the March 2 concert was sent to board members for review and signature. There is no charge to use the auditorium, and they will supply chairs but not stands (18-20 stands are needed). Arrangements for stands need to be made, possibly by borrowing from MCFTA and/or Joel. The next concert after that is on May 28th; MCB rehearsals end May 2, so the jazz band needs rehearsal space for several weeks if MCB doesn't have Dow High space reserved. Dave will check with Dow High about the extra rehearsal dates. Payment will be made by a check to MCB, and he would like to use it for future jazz band music purchases. Next year he would like to be included in the budget discussion so we can clarify jazz band budget items sooner.

Publicity Update (Brittany)

The jazz band poster draft needs approval from Jacob and should be ready for distribution Thursday. Design for John Williams concert materials is in progress. Proofs to come sometime this week, and pending approval posters can also be distributed Thursday. Online publicity for jazz band will go out first since that event is sooner, and MCB concert info will follow.

Brittany will check into why the current season minutes are not posting on the website like they should and will also look at Google Drive vs. Dropbox for a long-term storage option. Beth requested reports of social media feedback and publicity data for review before board meetings and Brittany agreed to compile that for the next meeting.

Education Report (Sue G.)

As usual, there has been plenty of communication and reminders about scholarships, but applications will still be coming in at the last minute. Brittany offered to make flyers for school bulletin boards as an added reminder.

Herter camp applications are in process and decisions will not need to be made until after the MCB scholarship process. We might want to consider adding 6th graders for consideration next year to encourage students to stay involved in music when they get to middle school.

Ensemble Rehearsals (All)

With the flute ensemble being included in the March concert, extra rehearsal space will be needed before rehearsal (dates TBD, but not every week). The jazz band is already rehearsing at Dow High at that time, but another room can be arranged.

Treasurer Transition/Appoint and Approve New Treasurer (All)

We need to transfer account permissions to the new Treasurer and take the opportunity to check on who else is included. Also, Brittany needs a card to make purchases more straightforward. Dave made the motion to give Brittany access to a card, Sue G. seconded, and the motion passed. Sue B. will finish IRS paperwork before Beth starts, and transfer P.O. box key. Square login information will be sent to Beth.

To follow the bylaws, the board needs to formally appoint someone to fill the term of an officer who steps down before the end of the term. Dave made a motion to appoint Beth Thomas as the new Treasurer to replace Sue Bovid as of February 1. Sue G. seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Roundtable/other topics

Brenda: none

Beth: none

Brittany: none

Kerry: none

Sue G.: none

Sue B.: Thanks to Beth for taking over the Treasurer position.

Next meeting: Sunday, February 25 at 1:00 pm (if Joel and Jacob can attend)

Meeting adjourned: 2:35 pm. Dave moved, and Brittany seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary