

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
November 12, 2023**

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

Meeting called to order: 1:06 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (October 15, 2023)

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

Treasurer's Report (Sue B.)

Sue and Beth are working on reports and taxes together over the next couple of months to make the transition to Beth as Treasurer. The December concert has a sponsor (Arthur Frock). We have \$500 toward a winter concert sponsorship, with an additional \$500 expected to complete the sponsorship (same donor, different sources).

This season's budget included \$3500 for travel to the Genesee Wind Symphony venue that we will not need now. We may use it this season for scholarships or hold that for next season if we still want a bus. With the new performance date being in the fall, we would not have concerns about snowy or icy weather and may be able to carpool like we did for the Red Cedar Festival.

Reimbursement checks for Brittany were re-issued. Discussion followed regarding better ways to pay for expenses other than from personal accounts. One suggestion was to take the opportunity to change access to debit cards when account access is transferred to Beth.

Dave moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Brittany seconded, and the motion carried.

Education Report (Sue G.)

MACF Burgess fund update: \$1000 is available this year, but only \$500 will be spendable in subsequent years. They will contact Lorin for direction on future scholarships.

Herter Camp update: we need to find out what the cost for camp is this year to figure out funding goals for scholarships. We will need a breakdown of last year's costs and how many scholarships we gave out to complete the Dow Foundation grant process this year.

Beth reported on MCTV Honors Night, which celebrates the volunteers that make programming possible. Community groups that are broadcast on MCTV will be asked for donations. We should consider our budget and response so we can decide at the next meeting.

Publicity Update (Brittany)

Holiday concert posters and media content are ready to go and should start appearing in the next week or so.

Conductor's Report (Joel)

Additional percussionists are coming for the holiday concert to help cover all the parts. Santa will play during the Jazz Band segment this year, so they will play *Here Comes Santa Claus* for his entrance and exit. The rest of the MCB will be offstage at that point. The Jazz Band performance time will be like previous concerts, with the addition of Santa. The Jazz Band also has an agreement with the library for a stand-alone concert in March.

Roundtable/other topics

Sue B.: Suggested giving MCB-logo pens to band members for Christmas.

Kerry: none

Beth: none

Sue G.: Scholarship application information will probably go out before the next meeting.

Dave: Attrition is a concern – we need to encourage new players to come. We also need to make the section leader list available to encourage communication of absences and intention to play.

Joel: none

Brittany: We need to put scholarship information on social media sites to get the word out and help remind students to apply.

Due to confusion over the “scholarship” donor category, Dave made a motion to change donor level names for next season to clarify wording/update amounts, and to change “scholarship” to “angel” immediately. Sue G. seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next meeting: Sunday, December 3, 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 2:06 pm. Dave made the motion to adjourn, Beth seconded, and the motion carried.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary