

**Midland Concert Band  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 15, 2023**

**Members present:** Sue Bovid, Sue Gessford, Dave Selley, Kerry Smith, Joel Wiseman

**Meeting called to order:** 1:07 pm, by Dave Selley

**Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (September 10, 2023)**

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

**Treasurer's Report (Sue B.)**

The submitted budget has been updated to reduce the Dow Family Grant using prior year excess of \$1,500, increase tickets by \$500, increase other scholarship donations by \$500 and increase MCB scholarships from \$1,000 to \$2,000. A separate income line was added to total the directed scholarships. There are sponsors for the first two concerts, and a potential sponsor for the third concert.

Dave moved to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

**Education Report (Sue G.)**

Scholarship applications will be online and sent to directors in the next month or so. We need to give thought to choosing students who can manage the music we're playing. If we can give high school directors an idea of the pieces on the spring program, it could help.

Requiring scholarship winners to play the spring concert is a concern. This is getting more difficult to manage with so many other student activities. For example, both Midland high schools have musicals in April now. Discussion followed about whether we should eliminate that requirement or give priority to students who can commit to playing, with agreement reached to emphasize playing as much as possible and look for students who would really appreciate the opportunity to play.

**Conductor's Report (Joel)**

He found a piano player for the Divine Comedy and requested money from the guest artist budget to cover two rehearsals and the performance. Fall concert logistics still to be organized include seating arrangements and getting enough stands for the two groups. The winter concert will have a John Williams theme. Spring concert pieces will be planned soon so we can inform band directors to help them encourage students to apply for scholarships.

Due to continued difficulties finding a suitable winter or spring date for the MCB's return performance with the Genesee Wind Symphony, the suggestion was made to look for a date

next fall. The GWS would then have time to request a Sunday venue date which would be better for our musicians, and we would have the benefit of better weather. As soon as we have our own dates for next year, we can work with the GWS on a fall date.

### **Concert Prep/Review (All)**

Concert hospitality was discussed since there will be extra players from GWS. MCB can supply water, fruit, plates, napkins, and cups. Members can be invited to bring homemade treats also. We will have the upstairs dressing rooms open to accommodate extra people. We also need to provide lunch for MCTV – a large crockpot of soup/chili would be enough.

### **Roundtable/Other Topics**

Sue B.: This year's letter to previous donors resulted in \$3200 in contributions. The MCB-logo pens came in and are ready to distribute. We need details on color/text to include on the tote bags, and a decision on who should get them.

Dave: We need to plan a donation table in the lobby for the next concert. This would provide a way for people to contribute directly, and hopefully add to our mail and online donations.

Kerry: With so many new players, we need to review concert attire at the next rehearsal.

Sue G.: none

Joel: none

**Next meetings: Sunday, November 12, 1:00 pm and Sunday, December 3, 1:00 pm**

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:55 pm. Dave moved to adjourn, and Sue B. seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary