

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 2023**

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

Meeting called to order: 1:03 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (August 20, 2023)

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

Treasurer's Report (Sue B.)

The final income/expense report for 2022-23 was discussed. Actual income and expenses came close to the overall budget, and we were able to pay some advertising expenses for the upcoming season. Some picnic supplies were left over and can be used for hospitality through the new season.

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

Jazz Band Conductor's Report (Jacob)

He is working on filling out the jazz band roster and program, talking with musicians about playing and with Brenda about music. Plans are under way for the Holiday concert (around 15-20 minutes of music), including a piece with our Santa Claus. He would like to start rehearsing next week if a room is available. With player absences from the first rehearsal, he may need to announce it again at the second rehearsal to give MCB members a chance to participate.

Conductor's Report (Joel)

The Genesee Wind Symphony would like to schedule us on a Monday, which is their usual concert night. We will propose dates of March 18 or Feb. 12. A signup sheet will be distributed to gauge interest/availability. Discussion followed regarding Mondays being a problem for Midland musicians (job responsibilities, plus multiple groups rehearsing on Monday nights). The board suggested discussing the possibility of a Sunday concert, or possibly a spring Monday date (after many Midland groups are finished for the season), with the GWS conductor.

Budget Discussion (All)

The budget draft for discussion was updated based on changes made during the last board meeting. A travel cost of \$3,500 (for a bus to the Genesee Wind Symphony performance) was added to the expenses. Scholarships were reduced by \$2,000, and programs/tickets were reduced by \$50. Contributions were increased by \$1,000. To help with grant applications, the suggestion was made to break the scholarship budget into separate lines – endowed scholarships, directed scholarships, Herter scholarships, and MCB scholarships.

Jane and David Wirth recently notified the MCB of their intent to present an annual gift of a \$1,000 scholarship to the Midland Concert Band as many times as they are able. The Andrea Joan Wirth Percussion Scholarship will be to encourage the development of a percussion player in grades 9-12 by supporting a band camp experience, lessons, instrument purchase or college tuition for a music major. Selection criteria will include percussion playing ability, participation in one or more school music groups, and the recommendation of the student's band director.

Dave moved to approve the budget with the adjustments discussed. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

Roundtable/Other Topics

Sue B.: Donor letters have been sent. Asked about ordering MCB-logo pens to use for members and give to donors. Dave suggested adding contact information to make it an advertising tool also.

Sue G.: none

Kerry: Asked about the email list – who maintains it, and how people get added to it. Dave said to send updates to him. Sue G. will send an updated roster soon.

Dave: none

Next meeting: Sunday, October 15, 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 2:17 pm. Sue G. moved, and Sue B. seconded the motion.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary