

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
February 25, 2024**

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

Meeting called to order: 1:05 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (January 21, 2024)

The change in Treasurers needed to be documented in the minutes before some access transfers could be made, so the minutes were approved by email on January 23rd. At that time Sue G. moved to approve the minutes with no corrections, Dave seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Beth)

The MCFTA deposit noted in the report represents ticket sales minus service charges. Accounts are balanced as of the end of January. Clarification will be needed about the funds collected at the Jazz Band concert – do they go directly to Beth? Brittany confirmed that a Square QR code would be on the concert program for electronic donations. Brittany moved to approve the Treasurer's report with no corrections. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

Conductors' Reports (Joel/Jacob)

Jacob: Final arrangements are being made for the Jazz Band concert at the library on March 2. MCFTA has been contacted about stands (he will follow up as needed), programs are being printed at Staples, and the music is ready.

Joel: There will be a patriotic theme for the next concert, with a mix of simpler and challenging pieces to reflect the small number of rehearsals. The program will include a high school soloist and member concerns about that were discussed.

Publicity Update (Brittany)

The Facebook ad for the upcoming concert is in the approval process. Text for the MCFTA screen at the next concert will mimic the Star Wars crawler, and other surprises are coming. She will not be available to play the spring concert but will cover all the usual publicity tasks.

Education Report (Sue G.)

Scholarship information/application packets were previously distributed for review. Discussion and questions followed regarding specific applicants' eligibility, plans for scholarship funds, logistics of payments to document proper use of the funds, and how many general MCB scholarships to award this year. After discussion and clarifications, the board voted to approve the awards as recommended by Sue G.

Scholarship Residency Policy Discussion

Can students who live in Midland County but attend school in another county (or vice versa) apply for MCB scholarships? The question was raised by a SASA teacher who felt that Midland students in Saginaw schools were prohibited from applying. The wording on the website is not specific (it only says “students in Midland County”). After discussion, the consensus was that the wording does not prohibit students in either situation from applying. Aside from the scholarships that specify winners must live/attend school in Midland County, we have the discretion to choose winners from a variety of situations.

Roundtable/other topics

Dave: We need to draft new job descriptions of board positions before the end of the season. Board members were asked to send a bullet-point list for review at an upcoming meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer positions are up for re-election this year. He made a motion to get an MCFTA gift certificate for Sue Bovid as a thank-you for serving as Treasurer. Brittany seconded, and the motion passed.

Sue G.: Herter update – the Camp Timbers registration deadline is April 1. Our grant application for scholarship funds is in progress. For next year we will consider students in grades 6-8 (instead of 7-8) to keep students interested through middle school. Also, given the new room/piano charges MCO has received, how does the MCB bill from MPS look? MCB prepays for room use so this may not apply to us.

Beth: Needs to know how many P.O. box keys are out there. She also reminded the board about the need to bring food for MCTV at the concert.

Kerry: none

Brittany: Our MDN contact has retired, and she will need to meet with the new person regarding ads for the upcoming concert. Also, she will update and correct a list of items on the website soon.

Joel: none

Next meeting: Thursday, March 14, during break (key business tasks only)

Meeting adjourned: 2:32 pm; Sue G. moved, Brittany seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary