

MIDLAND CONCERT BAND

BOARD MEETING

2/22/25, 2:30 PM Zoom

Present: Dave Selley, Beth Thomas, Brittany Perry, Joel Wiseman, Sue Gessford

Meeting called to order at 2:33 PM

Minutes from previous meeting were approved at a band rehearsal three weeks ago.

TREASURER'S REPORT....BETH

Beth presented the Treasurer's report. All bills have been paid. We are running a few hundred dollars behind the budget, but expect to make that up with the next two concerts. Sue asked about scholarships and pointed out which ones are MACF administered and which are MCB. The two Rowe Scholarships and the Pederson are now \$1500 each, and the Burgess Family Fund has \$500 a year to give out. The MCB awards that come directly to us are the Wiseman percussion Scholarship, the Nancy Pollock Memorial, and the Bruce and Connie Eaton memorial. All are \$1000.

Report was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Joel is feeling good about preparations for March. The May concert planning is underway as well.

Catherine McMichael will be playing piano with us and her fee was discussed and approved.

SCHOLARSHIPS...SUE

Sue had prepared a scholarship summary sheet listing applicants and suggestions for awards. We had 19 applications and will give out 10 awards in the coming weeks. 9 of those students will be playing with the band for the next concert. We have a good representation of instruments and grades this year.

The report was accepted as submitted. Sue will write letters to all applicants, along with a Disbursement Sheet to the students getting awards so they know how to claim the funds designated for them.

HERTER CAMP: We did not apply for an Alden and Vada Dow grant as we hadn't spent the money we received in previous years. Part of that will fund one extra high school scholarship and the rest will be sent to Herter's to support Midland County Campers, at the discretion of Herter's. Sue will ask for an accounting of whatever funds we send.

PUBLICITY.....Brittany

Posters will be ready Thursday.

Brittany asked for help with the roster names. There will be a sheet at band so people can check their names or add them.

We have radio spots happening 2 weeks before, an email blast about tickets goes out Monday along with a FB ad. Dave is trying to get some time on Rod Beiber's Delta Broadcasting show to promote the concert.

We talked about recording the band playing one of the concert songs and putting it on FB and making it available to the radio stations as well.

ROUNDTABLE

Sue reminded folks that we will be in the Orchestra Room this week due to Festival.

Next Meeting is tentatively Sunday, March 16 at 1:00 on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33.