

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
April 27, 2025**

Members present: Sue Gessford, Taylon Honeman-Earle, Dave Selley, Kerry Smith, Beth Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Joel Wiseman, Jacob Wisenbach

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (March 16, 2025)

Beth moved to approve the minutes with no corrections. Dave seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Beth)

MCB has received \$5000 from Midland Area Community Foundation to cover four scholarships. All other scholarship funds that we have been expecting have been received. The Pollock scholarship will not be funded by the family this year – it was not an endowed scholarship. We have funds to cover that scholarship for this year. We still need information from scholarship winners regarding where to send their funds.

Leadership at the Alden and Vada Dow Foundation is changing, and the grant process could change next year. We will need to review how we use their grant money and decide whether to apply next year.

Sue moved to approve the Treasurer's report with no corrections. Beth seconded, and the motion was approved.

Conductor Reports (Joel/Jacob)

Joel: Concert preparation for next Sunday is going smoothly. He is working on a seating arrangement to help with logistics. He will complete and send concert promo material to Jacob to announce at the Jazz Band concert on May 2.

Jacob: The Jazz Band is set for the concert at the library next Friday. Donations will be accepted at the concert. Preparations for the June 3 concert at the Saginaw Art Museum are in place.

Dave mentioned that band members had raised questions regarding the jazz band including membership/dues status of players, extra rehearsal time affecting MCB participation, and how an upcoming increase in rehearsal space fees would affect MCB's ability to accommodate extra jazz band rehearsals. Further discussion was planned for the next meeting to allow time for clarification.

Education Report (Sue)

Comp tickets have been distributed to 7th graders and scholarship winners. Certificates are completed and have been given to directors.

Concert Dates Next Season

The tentative dates for the 2025-26 season are:

Fall October 19

Holiday Hold on December 14

Winter March 15 (not locked in)

Spring May 3

The holiday concert may be a combined concert with the Center Chorale. The March 15 date would potentially conflict with other community events and further consideration is needed.

Board Elections

After a brief discussion, the board decided the best time to conduct the election would be just after the break at the next rehearsal. Beth will run the meeting since Dave's position is up for election.

Roundtable/other topics

Beth: none

Sue: If we want to have a picnic at the beginning of the season, we should reserve a Plymouth Park shelter now. The board confirmed the date of Thursday 8/28, with a start time around 5:00.

Joel: none

Matt: Asked to confirm the start date of board positions. Technically positions start September 1 with the start of the fiscal year but with transition and publicity needs he could start sooner.

Taylon: none

Next meeting: Tentatively Saturday May 10 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:58pm. Beth moved to adjourn, and Dave seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary