

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
August 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 (May 30, 2024)

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

Conductor's Report (Joel/Jacob)

Joel: The fall concert program is set, with a globetrotting theme (but a different focus than the "around the world" winter 2023 concert). The Board's approval is needed to invite the Center Stage Chorale to the holiday concert, and to add a Monday rehearsal the week of the concert, with the Chorale reserving the stage for that night. Program pieces are being discussed with the goal being to make the most of the Chorale's rehearsal time since they are also performing at MSO's holiday concert. The only concern raised was that the concert dates are on the same weekend, and anyone who attends both would potentially hear the same pieces. Discussion followed about whether the Monday rehearsal would be required or optional. The Chorale may attend a Thursday band rehearsal, but that is not confirmed.

Beth made the motion to approve the invitation and extra rehearsal. Brittany seconded, and the motion carried.

Jacob: He is busy acquiring music for this season from various sources (borrowing, buying) and considering concert dates for the next season with MCB, at the library, and other locations. He will discuss participation in the winter concert with Joel. Discussion followed about what is in the current budget for Jazz Band activity and what might be in next year's budget.

Treasurer's Report (Beth)

The final income/expense statement for the fiscal year was discussed, especially the need to enter all ticket sales as income and all auditorium expenses (instead of net amounts) to get a clearer picture of both. An amended report is needed before approval and closing out the fiscal year. Preliminary budget discussion will take place at the next meeting (the first meeting of the new fiscal year).

Education Report (Sue)

There are still four endowed funds with money available for scholarships. MACF would like students to apply through them, although we would still choose the winners. The question was raised regarding whether we can still direct students to the MCB website and link to MACF as

needed, or if we need to send the students applying for the endowed scholarships to MACF directly. Brittany said the MCB website could include the necessary links. We will need to see how to include the band director recommendations and essay if MACF is taking the applications.

Publicity Report (Brittany)

MCFTA Center Magazine quarter-page ad is set to run again this year, and the price is the same as last year. The updated website draft is done and will be posted in September. She is working on converting Twitter to X and ensuring that MCB presentation is consistent across social media.

Picnic Preparations (All)

The picnic is scheduled for Thursday, August 29 at 5:00 – how do we pull it together? Mark Brissette will be grill master again and will bring his own utensils. We need someone to pick up supplies from Eastman Party Store (Brittany agreed to do that) and do a grocery run. Brittany still has the grocery list from last year – she can send in the order but needs someone to pick it up (Beth can do that). Dave will send out a group email this week.

Roundtable/other topics

Dave: We do not have a concert sponsor yet. He proposed doing the MCO/MCB reciprocal donation again this year. Dave made the motion, and Sue seconded. The motion passed.

Beth: Would like to change the names of donor levels to avoid confusion. She will email a proposal for discussion/voting at the next meeting.

Kerry: Asked whether there were any plans to schedule the Red Cedar festival (March 1, 2025) or Genesee Wind Ensemble performances this year. No information was available about the Genesee Wind Ensemble, and the consensus was that the Red Cedar festival date would be difficult to work with.

Sue: none

Brittany: none

Next meeting: Sunday, September 25, 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 2:23pm, Dave made the motion, and Sue seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary