

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
September 29, 2024**

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

Meeting called to order: 1:08 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (August 25, 2024)

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

Conductor's Report (Joel)

Richie Craven has agreed to oversee the stage setup for the upcoming concert. Due to a shortage of percussionists, Joel recruited a local high school percussionist to play for this concert. The student understands that this is on a concert-by-concert basis. For the Holiday Concert, Joel is working with Matt Travis to coordinate the musical selections. The extra Monday rehearsal at MCFTA on Dec.9 (no added cost to MCB) looks doable.

Education Report (Sue)

The Midland Area Community Foundation has requested that students applying for the four endowed scholarships use the MACF online application process. The MCB Board will still select the recipients, and the funds will be paid by the foundation. Sue and the Board will accept this procedure but discussed how to simplify the process for the students. Sue and Brittany agreed to meet separately to design a simplified application - likely using a QR code and a central link, for MCB and MACF applications.

Publicity Report (Brittany)

Expect the publicity plan/cost to be very similar to last year. The question of increasing ticket prices to cover increased production costs (especially programs) was proposed but tabled for now.

Treasurer's Report (Beth)

Beth had sent an amended year-end statement before the meeting, and a line-by-line review was done to compare to the proposed budget. A number of items were modified, and an updated budget was proposed. Beth will update the budget spreadsheet and send to the board for approval since all members were not present. Dave will facilitate approval online or at one of the next rehearsals.

Roundtable/other topics

Joel: Would like to initiate a grant or donor request to purchase a marimba for the MCB to use - but keep at the Center for use by other local groups. Beth suggested starting with the MACF as a specific grant request (Big Give). Dave and Joel will follow up.

Sue: Asked whether the donations link was working. Brittany shared the process on-screen and showed the donations and ticketing link are now working!

MCB is offering an online store for MCB embroidered apparel with McCreadie Sales. The store will be operational on Monday. Dave to send an email with the link to band members. Sue will pick up the order when ready.

We plan to participate in GIVELOCALMIDLAND next May. Sue will forward signup info to Brittany as available.

Beth: Proposed that online dues payments always be for the full season amount. Only cash or check payments will be accepted for partial season dues payments. All members present agreed that this was reasonable. (no vote)

Dave: No concert sponsor yet. Will solicit for ideas through the member newsletter (email).

Next meeting: Sunday, October 27, 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 2:38 pm, Sue made the motion, and Brittany seconded.

Submitted by David Selley, President/Acting Secretary