

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2023**

Members present: Sue Bovid, Sue Gessford, Brittany Perry, Dave Selley, Kerry Smith, Joel Wiseman

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

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (June 22, 2023)

Sue G. made the motion to approve the minutes without corrections. Sue B. seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sue B.)

Updated income statement and checking account details were discussed. The scholarship payments and receipts are complete, and as of the end of July we are within \$1,000 of the budget for the year. August deposits will include the proceeds from the May 2023 Concert at MCFTA, and expenses will include picnic supplies and MCFTA Center Magazine advertising for 2023-24.

Dave moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

Midland Area Community Foundation Endowment Report (Sue B.)

The minimum amount to join is \$5,000 and that amount cannot be withdrawn. Any funds above that amount would be spendable, but funds that remain there would earn approximately 5% return. MACF involvement would allow MCB to be included in the Give Local Midland drive. A suggested long-term goal of foundation involvement would be to sustain operations in case outside grant money becomes unavailable. Sue recommended investing the minimum amount now so the MACF board can approve the account setup at its November meeting, and moving funds from our CD in December when it matures to take advantage of better returns.

Sue B. made the motion to invest \$5000 to start the account. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

Conductor's Report (Joel)

October concert update: MCB and guest Genesee Wind Symphony will start the concert together on *The Star-Spangled Banner*, the GWS will perform the next 20-25 minutes, and then the MCB will finish out the first half. During the second half MCB will play Robert W. Smith's complete *Divine Comedy*, possibly with special stage lighting, narration, and extra GWS brass and percussion to enhance the effect. The winter concert performance date with GWS will be determined, and we may need to poll the band with proposed dates.

Education Report (Sue G.)

Content of the updated student contract was discussed. The goal of the form is to clarify expectations with guest students and their parents/school directors. Students may be invited to

play to fill instrumentations needs, and they would need to commit to practicing, attendance at rehearsals, and continuing through the concert.

Dave made the motion to approve the wording of the form with no corrections. Sue B. seconded, and the motion carried.

Initial Budget Discussion (Sue B.)

The proposed 2023-24 budget was discussed. Increases were suggested for ticket sales, contributions, concert sponsorships, auditorium fees, and music purchases. Other changes that were considered included MACF investment and GWS travel/food/publicity. After board discussion of the last item, the GWS expenses will be considered reciprocal; anything MCB spends for the GWS for the fall concert will be reversed (covered by GWS) for their winter concert. Providing refreshments or lunch for GWS will be considered, as will chartering a bus for MCB to travel. The budget will be adjusted and voted on at the next meeting (the first meeting of the new fiscal year).

New Website Design (Brittany)

The updated website has been launched and includes new organization/tabs based on the most relevant information for current band business. Meeting minutes going back several years have been posted, but we need a new way to archive minutes that does not involve the website. We also need a new photo of the entire band, preferably during a concert.

Picnic Prep (All)

Brittany can organize the order from Eastman Party Store but can't be at the picnic. She has the grocery shopping list from last year for whoever can volunteer for that, or she can put in a pickup order if someone can go get it. We still need a "grill master."

Roundtable/Other Topics

Sue B: The annual letter to previous donors will go out soon and will include a donation form with space to specify the intended use of a donation (general fund, scholarship, etc.). When we have an account set up with MACF we can publicize that as another option for donors.

Dave: none

Kerry: none

Sue G.: none

Brittany: none

Joel: none

Next meeting: Sunday, September 10, 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 2:19 pm. Dave made the motion to adjourn, and Sue G. seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary