

**Midland Concert Band
Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2023**

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

Meeting called to order: 1:03 pm, by Dave Selley

Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (December 15, 2022)

Dave moved to approve the minutes with one correction. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sue B.)

A detailed donation/deposit report is included in the current treasurer's report to clarify where income is coming from. The treasurer's statement has been updated with holiday concert expenses as discussed at the previous meeting. The T. Rowe Price report reflects an investment income downturn (same as the market in general). The remaining 2022 donation acknowledgements are ready to mail. Tax-related paperwork is under way. Discussion of the jazz band stand-alone concert budget and expenses followed, with focus on what to do with any donations collected at the concert. The decision was made to add them to the MCB general fund and use them to offset jazz band concert expenses.

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

Education Report (Sue G.)

The scholarship deadline is 2 weeks away, and no new applications have come in. Band directors have been reminded about it and schools will receive extra forms.

Herter's update: Applications go to the Y first since they own the camp. They will sort the applications, collect deposits, and send out the appropriate scholarship applications. The Herter scholarship timeline is too late for our spring 2023 concert so those students will not be playing with MCB this year (this may change in the future).

Outstanding 7th grader update: Teachers have been contacted and encouraged to choose 6 per school. Students will start rehearsing with MCB after spring break, which will give them 5 rehearsals. The goal is to limit the teachers' work to choosing the students, and then MCB will contact parents to go from there.

Conductor's Report (Joel)

He is working on plans to bring in a guest conductor for next season. Loras Schissel, a Sousa/Copland expert, is a preliminary idea, but he may think of someone else. Early ideas include a

master class with the band and guest conducting at a concert or something similar that involves more than just a concert appearance. Another suggestion was to commission a piece for the MCB's 50th season which is coming up soon. Dave suggested combining a concert with Bay Concert Band or Mid-Michigan Brass Band, and said we may not be able to request additional grant money but could try for a sponsorship for any of these ideas.

Publicity Report (Brittany)

She will ask Midland Daily News for a similar ad deal to the holiday concert (print/online combo). She asked about expectations for printed programs now that digital programs are being used. The consensus was that some printed programs would be nice (especially for spring concert with students/parents), but that we transition them out. She asked for feedback on slides projected in the auditorium during the holiday concert.

Roundtable/other topics

Dave: Will send progress report to AB Dow Foundation for upcoming grant requests.

Kerry: Member handbook updates are done except for the hospitality policy, which needs updated guidelines.

Sue G: Received great feedback on the holiday concert. The late date worked out as far as turnout.

Next meeting: February 12, 1:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 1:54 pm. Sue G. moved to adjourn, and Sue B. seconded the motion.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary