**Midland Concert Band**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 12, 2023**

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

**Meeting called to order:** 1:02 pm, by Dave Selley

**Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (January 15, 2023)**

Sue B. moved to approve with no corrections. Sue G. seconded, and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report (Sue B.)**

Jazz Band expenses and conductor pay are included in the current report. There are no unusual expenses in this month’s report. The MCFTA check for the holiday concert came too late to deposit in January, so it will show up on next month’s report. IRS report and tax forms were completed after weeks of waiting for the reporting website to go online.

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

**Conductor’s Report (Joel)**

Everything he needed to report has already been communicated to the board and band. An honorarium for the euphonium soloist for the spring concert was discussed, and the board agreed on the same amount as for the recent Men of Music guest performance. There is no theme for the spring concert, other than the pieces have been requested by band members.

**Jazz Band Update (Jacob)**

The January 20 Jazz Band concert raised $545 in donations and had about 110 people attending. The concert will be broadcast on MCTV. Feedback centered on inquiries about the next performance, so there was a lot of interest. The Jazz Band will need some help at the March 12 concert with moving chairs and stands to set up for their portion of the performance, which will include 4 pieces from the January 20 concert. Discussion of setup issues, program information, and announcer needs followed.

The Jazz Band will potentially play an event at the Saginaw Art Museum on May 30, which will pay enough for a chart and a small amount for each musician if that is approved. Further discussion pointed out that band members are usually not compensated, so another arrangement is needed. Suggestions included performing the event without using the MCB name and/or using gift cards to turn the compensation into a gas reimbursement. More consideration is needed on this situation, and a suggestion was made to draft a policy about Jazz Band performances to clarify future events.

**Education Report (Sue G.)**

Discussion centered around the list of scholarship applications and recommended winners. There were enough new applicants that several who previously won will not receive scholarships this year.

The MCB scholarship budget was also discussed to clarify how much is designated for Herter scholarships, how much will be for high school scholarships, and whether the funds should all be spent each year. The current budget includes $5000 for Herter camp scholarships, $8000 in named scholarships, and $2000 in MCB funds for scholarships.

Other scholarship discussion included a suggestion for next year that parents should sign off on applications to approve the student’s intended use of scholarship funds, collecting information needed for concert programs, and setting a budget for printing a larger program to include 7th graders and scholarship winners.

Sue G. moved to approve the scholarship choices. Sue B. seconded and requested an updated list for recordkeeping. The motion carried unanimously.

**Roundtable/other topics**

Dave: Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundations grant application in process, with $6000 being requested for Herter camp scholarships. The current-year MCB budget of $5000 was set in September, but the camp costs for the upcoming summer were not communicated until November. The increased fund request reflects the increase in camp costs.

Conductor evaluation will be needed this year, so he will ask for input from the band and the board.

Kerry: New hospitality procedures are needed to complete the member handbook revisions. Will edit and send out for board approval.

Sue B: Pursuing deposit or cancellation of long-term outstanding checks to tie them off.

Brittany: New MCFTA billboard will run soon. Working on MDN deal for concert ads. Facebook ad to be posted in about a week.

**Next meeting:** Sunday, March 19, 1:00 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 2:22 pm. Dave moved to adjourn, and Sue B. seconded the motion.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary