**Midland Concert Band**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 16, 2023**

**(Amended April 25, 2023)**

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

**Meeting called to order:** 1:05 pm, by Dave Selley

**Review and approve minutes from the last meeting (March 19, 2023)**

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

**Treasurer’s Report (Sue B.)**

Response on the Dow Family Foundation grant application is still pending. Scholarship fund collections from donors and payouts to students are still in process. We have a sponsor for the upcoming concert – we will need to get information to Brittany for publicity.

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

**Education Report (Sue G.)**

High school scholarship winners have been consistent about letting us know when they need to be absent. Outstanding 7th grade students are handling the music well after just two rehearsals. Certificates and program material preparation are under way.

Herter has received 53 camp applications from Midland County students, but so far no scholarship applications have been returned. Since we are making Herter scholarships the focus of our Dow Family Foundation request, we need to make sure that we encourage applications. Direct contact from MCB with students or teachers could help.

**Jazz Band (General Discussion)**

Although donations from the jazz band library concert paid for the venue and Jacob’s compensation, the jazz band has gotten some latitude within the MCB budget and policies as they work to restart the group. Currently a significant percentage of jazz band players are not regular MCB members and so do not pay dues, and they play instruments that could be recruited from the MCB membership. Future policies will make jazz band activities consistent with other ensembles regarding membership, MCB participation, and use of MCB funds/infrastructure. Anyone participating in jazz band that is not a student will pay dues, and it should be an exception rather than a rule to have outside players rather than MCB players.

**Roundtable/other topics**

Kerry: Revised member handbook has been sent to the webmaster to be posted online, so this project has been completed.

Sue B: She asked whether we should plan a traditional spring picnic or hold one in the fall like we did this season. The consensus was that fall worked well as a kickoff event so we will do that again.

Joel: Nothing new to report. Program cuts have been working – the program is in better shape without the focus on additional pieces. He added to the jazz band conversation the reminder to be considerate of the librarian by giving plenty of time to prepare copies.

Sue G: We need to talk about a date for the fall picnic at the next meeting, so we can reserve a location.

Dave: Conductor evaluation materials will be coming. We also need to draft new board job descriptions with consideration to brevity and being more general than the previous descriptions, to enable flexibility with changing times. Concert dates for next season are 10/29/23, 12/10/23, 3/24/24, and 5/5/24.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 11, 7:15 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:50 pm (Dave moved, Kerry seconded)

**Addendum April 25, 2023**

A band member assisting Brittany with marketing asked about offering a group discount to residents of assisted living facilities. A discussion among board members by email followed. Senior tickets are already discounted, and further discounting would be a logistical problem. A proposal was made to offer comp tickets to assisted living staff/drivers accompanying resident groups of 5 or more. The board voted to approve the proposal and will work out details for next season.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary