**Midland Concert Band**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 11, 2023**

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

**Meeting called to order:** 7:15 pm, by Dave Selley

**Review and approve minutes from the last meetings (April 16, 2023, and May 4, 2023)**

Sue B. made the motion to approve both meeting minutes without corrections. Dave seconded, and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report (Sue B.)**

All the high school scholarships for 2022-23 have been paid, but we have yet to receive $3,000 from the Midland Area Community Foundation for the Pederson Scholarship and the two Rowe Scholarships. We have been advised by the Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundation that the $6,000 grant will be received in June. We have yet to pay for the Herter’s Camp Scholarships. MCFTA accounting for the May 7 concert to come later.

Sue G. moved to approve the report. Brittany seconded, and the motion carried.

**Education Report (Sue G.)**

This season 11 high school scholarships were awarded and accepted, and 17 outstanding 7th graders from 3 schools played with the band. More participation from adult players would improve the experience for the 7th graders next year. Certificates will be awarded at their school concerts to get the 6th graders interested in next year’s program. Due to Herter Camp funding that came from an additional source, we will have money to carry over for camperships next spring.

**Conductor’s Report (Joel)**

Asking the group for volunteers hasn’t been getting results. May focus on approaching individuals next season for different tasks/needs to see if that works better.

Nothing new to report in terms of concert planning since the last meeting. The first concert next season is near Halloween so a theme would be easy there. Jazz band involvement with the holiday concert is a consideration, in addition to the stand-alone concert. The spring concert has only 5 rehearsals so some music might be rehearsed during the winter cycle.

**General Year-End Discussion (All)**

* Evaluations are still being submitted, and information from submitted forms is being compiled. Based on an early comment, Dave will make more effort to announce when board meetings are so the band membership knows.
* Need to choose a picnic date – Thursday, August 31 at 5:00 (one week before first rehearsal on September 7) was suggested. Sue G. reserved a picnic shelter at Plymouth Park. Dave moved to approve, Brittany seconded, and the motion passed.
* Email will be sent to membership with concert dates for next year, picnic date, and other key information.

**Bylaws/Member Handbook Update and Website Maintenance (All)**

Brittany would like to take time over the summer to update the website format, and make sure all posted documents are current.

**Member Evaluations Update (Dave)**

Will compile evaluation data in coming weeks and then share conductor evaluations with Joel/Jacob and operations comments with the board.

**Roundtable/other topics**

Kerry: nothing

Sue B: nothing

Sue G: nothing

Joel: nothing

Brittany: Will try to come up with some fun posts for social media to keep up awareness of the band. QR code data from the posters was limited this time.

**Next meeting: Thursday, June 22, 5:00 pm**

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:10 pm; Sue G. moved, and Sue B. seconded.

Submitted by Kerry Smith, Secretary