

Ypsilanti Community Band Board of Director's Meeting: March 1, 2010

(Editor's Note: The meeting was held in the Community Conference Room of the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College. Joe Burke, president, presided)

Attendance:

Trinka Benedict
Joe Burke
Jerry Robbins
Paul Vaughan
Raynette Kempf
Shirley Charbonneau
Tom Patrick
Margaret Waggoner
Aaron Taratsas (late)
Alan Aldworth (late)

Absent:

Jon Kennedy
Eric Walters
Jim Wagner

Band members attending:

Alisha
Jim McGraw
Micheal Kashublsky

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

*Motion to accept the minutes from January's board meeting. Tom, Margaret: (6, 0, 0) Accepted

Old Business:

Top of the Park-

Joe: *Top of the Park*: We did not get it.

Equipment purchases-

*Motion to allow property chair (Aaron) to spend up to \$1,000, for a gong up to 36". Tom, Shirley (6, 0, 0) Accepted

New Business

Strategic Documents/Retreat-? The issue of whether we have been paying attention or whether we should pay attention to our strategic documents has come up. Should we have a retreat to review these documents? And what decisions should be made during that retreat:

-Discussion of what the purpose of the retreat would be and what steps should be taken prior to that decision.

Aaron and Alan arrive.

Joe: asks all to read 5 year, one year and vision statement before next meeting.

Shirley: With the understanding that, if this works, then maybe next month we do the by-laws and maybe the following month the handbook.

How we do business financially: (added to agenda per email from Joe)

Some things that Alan would like to see us do differently, immediately.

The treasurer should not be the person making the deposits.

An individual, or an independent audit committee

Discussion of an independent audit. (-Too expensive)

-Discussion of switching banks. (-No fiscal reason to right now)

Roll out of WCC project.

Janet Hawking has made a multiple-media outlet press release that this is happening 'this summer' (a vague term).

Discussion of a date for what date is actual change of name and promotional items.

Logo. We need to draft a logo in rough draft and Washtenaw Community College has design staff that we *might* be able use to work with it.

-Discussion of branding and logo design.

-We may start seeing students on May 10th.

-We need to start getting familiar with the WCC Music department and students, to assuage any worries that may occur.

Conductor planned retirement: 05-2011.

- Discussion of how the process of Selecting a conductor for when Jerry retires.

- One year is determined to be needed to conduct a search. A recommendation to form a 3 person committee directed to outline a process, submit it to the board, and then perform a search for a new conductor was made and should be in place by the next board meeting.

- Discussion of what WCC might want as a say in a conductor/instructor.

Board Elections: 05-2010.

The combined (old and new) board will meet in May. An election will have to be held before then.

An ad hoc committee will be formed to run the election.

An announcement will be made tomorrow to the band asking for people who wish to run for the board.

Members with expiring terms: Trinka, Raynette, Jon, Margaret, two empty seats, and Joe's term as president (not as a board member).

- Discussion regarding a non-player (possibly from WCC) joining the board. (Allowed by the bylaws)

Reports:

Committees-

- Development (No Report)

- Treasurer: (Alan- written report and emailed)

- Allocated \$1000.00 to Aaron for the gong from the marimba/Equipment fund.

- Discussion of process for distribution of ACB funds.

- Forecast (NEW) was included in the report.

- \$4,000.00 difference was discussed.

- Lake Shore will be paying the \$1000.00 from last year.

-We approve of Tom's late receipts (over 90 days).

*Motion to accept treasurer's report. Aaron, Raynette (8,0,0) Accepted.

-Library (Erica- Email- No Report)

-Equipment (*ed. note: Should be "Property"*) (Aaron)

Marimba has arrived. We were happy it was in one piece.

Gong and stand price quotes were acquired. (30" Zildjian \$749.99 + \$145.99 (stand) 40" \$1,229.99 + \$145.99 (stand))

-Discussion of differences in the types, timbre, tone and sizes

*Motion to amend the earlier motion by raising the original amount from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 and raising the size of the gong to be purchased from 36" to 40". Tom, Margaret (8, 0, 0) Approved.

-Discussion of Jeff Chapin promotional consideration and receipts for taxes.

-Discussion of purchase of trunks to hold stands and printer/scanner for library.

Inventory- requested by president: Done- except for adding the new purchase.

*Motion to accept Equipment (*Property*) report. Tom, Shirley (8, 0, 0) accepted.

-Fundraising (No Report) Committee will meet at his house in 14th @ his house 7:00.

-Publicity (No Report)

-Everything went well.

-Adam enjoyed himself.

-No invoices received yet.

-Personnel: Shirley (Written Report submitted- nothing to add)

-Alisha did a WONDERFUL job on the reception!

*Motion to accept Personnel report. Aaron, Tom (8, 0, 0) accepted.

-President (Joe- 'skip')

Joe was on 'Senior Moment' interviewed and will be on from Feb. 28, 2010 and play 48 times. They want to tape our May concert and televise it.

-Conductor (Jerry- emailed report)

Corrections:

Add #16. Jerry went to Rochester to see a brass ensemble of 30 high school brass and percussion players last night that did an extraordinary job.

-Paul has taken care of most of the list of things I need.

-Discussion of who we can come as a guest star for next year.

-Do we want to do other themes?

Discussion on a variety of themes and the promotion of it.

-Business Manager

Bowman Scholarship- going well at Blue Lake

Schedule through May 2011- hand out- highlighted new ones. All dates approved (Changeable).

Change: OCTOBER is the 10th month not the 20th.

May 26th is the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend, can we see if we can move that?

*Motion to accept tentative schedule. Tom, Shirley (8, 0, 0) accepted.

Other:

Paul's daughter's Girl Scout Troop wishes to sell cookies at the ensembles concert. (general approval)

Adjournment:

*Motion to adjourn. Tom Aaron (8, 0, 0) accepted.