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November 2, 2009

BAND BOARD MEETING TONIGHT

The YCB Board of Directors will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse at the Lakeshore Apartments. Meetings are open to the public and Band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Substantive items on the agenda include: board vacancies, nominations for vacant positions, reports from staff and standing committees, the holiday concert, a proposal involving Washtenaw Community College, and matters related to the vision statement and one- and five-year plans.

A WARM WELCOME TO:

Jerry Hicks and Bey Hurt, both of whom joined YCB in the trumpet section last Tuesday night. In addition, Matt Miller (alto saxophone) rejoined after an absence of several months. Additional new players are expected tomorrow night. In addition, Angie Noble will be rejoining us to play prominent English horn passages on pieces for the December concert.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Known November birthdays include Raynette Kempf (November 11), Tom Warner and Abigail Fisher (November 15), and Beth Askew (November 16).

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

Many members of YCB find it helpful to follow along on their respective parts while listening to a recording of the same arrangement that we are using. Here are links that may be helpful for that purpose in preparation for the December concert:

1. *TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS*

Go to this link, click on "concert band," then click on "concert band series," then scroll down to "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and hit "play"

<http://www.billholcombe.com/catalog/concert.htm>

2. *RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC*

<http://www.alfred-music.com/player/BelwinConcertBand2006/fxb219/player.html?osCsid=1bb58e4435715be3887c918eeeb868ae>

3. *GRAND CHORUS AND DIALOGUE*

Since this is a custom arrangement for YCB, no recording exists. However, to hear the piece in an arrangement for organ, brass, and percussion that has a number of (continued on next page)

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similarities, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9iZ2Nwdgo>

4. *WHITE CHRISTMAS* (with YCC)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqyJblAoADY>

5. *HALLELUJAH!* (with YCC--this is us, last year!)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhVUa49VvyI>

BAND STAFF

The Band's staff consists of the following persons:

(Appointed by the Board)

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BAND FINANCES

This year, the Band Board budgeted for \$35,198 in income for all funds, including "carry forward" from last fiscal year. As of the end of October (42% of the fiscal year), \$14,043 had been received--40% of the projected total for the year.

The Board's allocated expenditures for the year total \$30,500 for all funds. As of the end of October (42% of the fiscal year) only \$5,442 had been spent--18% of the projected total for the year.

As you can see, the Board and its standing committees have been quite frugal in expenditures and the Band currently has a cash balance of \$17,759 (all funds, including a bit over \$9000 in the Bowman Scholarship Fund).

LIVES OUTSIDE OF MUSIC

YCB condolences go to Eric Walters (string bass), who lost his mother recently.

YCB congratulations go to Matt Miller (alto saxophone) and Heidi Gilbert (alto saxophone), who recently announced their engagement (to each other).

Lisa Muenzenberger (clarinet) recently fell and sprained her ankle, which has limited her mobility and caused absences from rehearsals.

Jerry Robbins recently visited with Duane "Dee" DeButts, long-time baritone saxophone player with YCB. Dee's health problems include a difficulty with hand and finger motion that prevent him playing any size of sax, but he is "working on it."