

NOTES



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"Perfection in music is illusive, but excellence is attainable and sustainable."

YCB BRASS QUINTET ON SATURDAY RADIO SHOW

Tune in to AM 1290 WLBY at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, to hear a YCB brass quintet (Joe Burke, Bey Hicks, Marge Taylor, Jerry Robbins, and Erick Starnal) perform and promote the December 15 concert. This is part of a 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. production of the "Lucy Ann Lance Hometown Christmas Show" that will feature a number of area performing organizations. The show will be live streamed on www.1290WLBY.com.

BOARD BUSINESS

Official Minutes of YCB Board meetings are taken by the Secretary, approved at the following meeting, and posted on the YCB web site, on the "About Us" page. The notes below represent an unofficial account of what transpired.

The YCB Board met on December 7, 2009, 7:30 p.m., at the Huron Valley Ambulance headquarters, with president Joe Burke presiding. All members of the Board, except for treasurer Alan Aldworth, were present. (See elsewhere in this issue for a list of current Board members and terms.)

In addition, non-voting staff members Jerry Robbins (conductor) and Paul Vaughan (business manager) were present. Several Band members were present as visitors.

Joe Burke called for nominations for vacant positions on the Board. Raynette Kempf and Margaret Waggoner were nominated and subsequently elected to fill vacant positions on the Board through May 31, 2010.

Joe Burke proposed the adoption of a modified version of the draft minutes of the November meeting. The modified version of the minutes was approved for distribution and posting.

There was an extended discussion, including participation by the visitors, of the proposed agreement between the Band and Washtenaw Community College. (A copy of the draft text of the proposed agreement is being distributed with this Notes document.) Although no vote was taken, there seemed to be a high degree of consensus among the Board members that the proposed agreement should be approved and implemented.

There was discussion, but no closure, concerning putting in place a protocol for dealing with invitations for YCB and ensembles from YCB to perform.

Upon recommendation of the conductor, a motion was made and approved to

amend the Band's "Guidelines/Handbook" such as to merge the (a) trombone/euphonium and (b) tuba/string bass sections into a single low brass/string bass section. [Later, Paul Vaughan was appointed by the conductor as section leader of this new section, with Mark Jeffers as the assistant section leader.]

Joe Burke announced the appointment of Shirley Charbonneau as the chair of the Personnel Committee.

Reports--some in writing, some made orally--were received from the treasurer, the fundraising committee, the property committee, the library committee, the conductor, and the business manager. [Those reports that were made in writing will be attached to the official minutes of this meeting and posted/distributed in the usual manner.] The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.

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Take a look at the article and video about YCB on:
<www.ann Arbor.com/entertainment/ypsi-lanti-community-band-holiday-concert/>.

In addition, an announcement of the December 15 concert appears in today's edition of Rep. Alma Smith's District 54 "e-ALMANac."

LOGISTICS FOR DECEMBER 15

A copy of a revised sheet identifying all the major logistics for the December 15 concert is being distributed along with this Notes document. Study it carefully to be sure you know all that potentially affects you.

MARIMBA FUND

The members of the "Town Band" that played at EMU on September 30 have voted to recommend that \$500 of the money received for that performance should go toward YCB's "marimba fund." This brings to \$1550 the amount of money raised to date to pay for a marimba this year.

CURRENT BAND LEADERSHIP

President: Joe Burke (Term as president expires 5/31/10; term on Board expires 5/31/11, unless re-elected as president for 2010-2012)

Board of Directors:

(Term expires 5/31/10):

Trinka Benedict, Raynette Kempf, Jon Kennedy, Margaret Waggoner, Two vacant player or community positions.*

(Term expires 5/31/11): Alan Aldworth, Treasurer; Shirley Charbonneau, Chair, Personnel; Tom Patrick; Eric Walters; Aaron Taratsas, Chair, Property. Vacant player or community position.*

*No more than two of the "vacant player or community positions" may be filled by players.

NEAR FUTURE CALENDAR

December 17: Eastman Wind Ensemble, 8:00 p.m., UM Hill Auditorium, Free.

The next rehearsal for YCB will be on Tuesday, January 5 at Whitmore Lake High School. Be prepared for registration and dues at that time.