

Ypsilanti Community Band Board Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2009, 7:30 PM

Call to order/attendance 7:39 PM

Carter Adler  
Jerry Robbins  
Trinka Benedict  
Nathan Sparks  
Marge Taylor  
Jon Kennedy  
Howard Fillmore  
Paul Vaughan

Absent:

Aaron Taratsas  
Jim Wagner  
Beth Askew  
Sandy Wagner  
Rebecca Cheskidov  
Alan Aldworth

Approval of previous minutes (December)

Aaron Taratsas was absent from the December Minutes- He has been added.

\*Motion to accept December Band Board Minutes. Nathan, Howard (5, 0, 0) Approved

Reports:

- President (Carter)

These items are covered elsewhere in the agenda.

- Treasurer (Alan- Absent)

The treasurer's report (and its attachments) was submitted via email- reproduced in its entirety at the end of these minutes.

- Secretary (Trinka)

I have turned in the minutes from the December Meeting and have received feedback. The minutes of the January meeting will be different.

- Conductor (Jerry)

The Conductor's report (and its attachments) was submitted via email- reproduced in its entirety at the end of these minutes.

In addition to the report:

History IV and V are done soon.

480+ people have played with YCB.

I am making a list of everything we've played and when it was played. Then I will be through with this.

I need instruction on what to do with them. I have binders with one copy each of the materials and a box of duplicate programs and some photos. I recommend public archive after display at the concert.

Paul will take it for the time being and may store it at Whitmore Lake.

- Business Manager (Paul)  
(No written report)

- Update on music stands:

I am checking into Voyager music stand Manhasset waiting for a formal quote. Buying bulk may reduce price.

Has the bulletin board been hung? (\*unknown)

- Publicity (Marge)

Passed out a Yellow sheet to the board "PUBLICITY FOR 2/26/09 YCB CONCERT"

I haven't got a group to get people to contact the list (yellow sheet).

No meeting yet.

Shirley is gung-ho on the flyers.

- 30th Anniversary logo

Example was not good for embroidering I showed it a screen-printer and will bring samples. I have found blank apparel for cheap t-shirts.

I have contacted Dan Smith of Whitmore Lake Saddlery, and people can order there.

- Fundraising (No report)

Can people get a receipt for the donation for the party?

Paul- Show it to Alan or I can type it up.

- Library (No report)

They are planning a weekend for organizing on Saturday (31st) to double check records or take titles off list etc. There is a discrepancy between the list and actual library. This will reconcile it that weekend.

- Personnel (Carter (for Matt))

- Progress report on goal to have 85 paid (including hardship waiver) members on the roster.

56 People settled up last week some donors are not adjusted for yet. We need 29 more people to register.

Matt had previously tried to follow up with missing members Carter will ask him to do so again.

Red Cedar will ask for Roster by February 1st . This may be incentive for Matt.

- Property (Paul)

We have to find proper vendors for items to carry/protect equipment.

We have had no requests for new items.

The Library committee will need some things:

A scanner- Erica Levitt is using borrowed equipment)

A 2-drawer rolling cabinet for pieces that are 'in use'.

Carter would like to hear from Aaron.

- Band shell (Jerry) (No update.)

AACF has announced at dinner on Sunday they are not giving money to Ypsilanti. We will not let the matter die.

- Website (Carter)

As of this last weekend the website is completely updated.

Any luck with the web-master hunt?

Paul has asked Jon Pfeiffer to think about it. Concern is access. He is accessible via blackberry and is very responsive. Paul will have him get in contact with Carter.

- Awards (Paul)

-Bowman scholarship to Blue Lake:

We are trying to get last winner to come for summer.

We will be sending out letters to schools.

April is the next announcement.

A pre-written story on her experiences last year to tie in with the announcement.

We will check in with her.

A pre-written story should be sent to the local paper of the winner

- "Yule in Ypsi"

Planning meeting is on January 29, 2009 for a recap on the YCC/YCB "Yule and Ypsi".

Thoughts: -What went well?

Pre-music was right on schedule.

Band set up was quick.

There was great support for brass.

The audience was impressive.

Our Performance was magnificent (Television repeat will be broadcast- Sunday 10PM Ch.

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Social event was absolutely magnificent and hope we can do it again.

95% Positive experience with minor irritation.

The band part was the best we ever did. The Kennedy family thanks all for tribute to Lorne.

-Areas for improvement?

People were coming in early

Getting there earlier would be good.

Opening time was 6:45 people were coming in the side doors.

The choir upset the early audience.

The concert sponsor was very upset with the choir's attitude and because they were having a rehearsal on the stage before a concert.

The singing group thought there was too much completion with other music-

Paul said he can work out these timing issues if I can get with his counterpart in Ypsilanti Community Choir.

Donation boxes-

YCC should make their own

We need to get a professional made stand to sell ourselves better.

We cannot get a professional one by the February Concert but we should have something.

It would be helpful to find out how people got there, the "How did you find out?" question.

- Discuss whether this should continue to be a joint concert with YCC (per request from Millie Irwin)  
(general discussion)

The board asked Jerry to try to get the same deal at Pease for next year.

Paul: Was there any mail from Pease? We haven't received a billing yet.

Nathan: Nothing-yet. I will check the mail tomorrow.

Jerry: When the President said she was coming there was a shift in attitude when discussing the deal.

- Confirm Ypsilanti fireworks performance for July 1 (July 2 rain date)

Paul: Tentative dates for summer (asterisk on schedule):

May 31st- Dexter/AA Run: 20 piece pep band

June 18th- Thursday Riverside Park: Depot Town confirmed

July 2nd- Fireworks: Accept as a rain date if cancelled before we show up

July 16th Riverside Park

July 30th Milan

August 13th U.A. Completion Ceremony

\*Motion to accept concert schedule. (Jon, Nathan (5, 0, 0) Approved)

-Paul will un-asterisk them.

NO rehearsal August 18th, August 25th, and September 1st.

Towsley Auditorium October 22nd.

\*Motion to accept the rehearsal schedule through December 1st. (Jon Nathan (5, 0, 0) Approved)

Old Business:

- Theme for CD recording in 2010-11. Select from short list chosen in December (Show Tunes, Freedom, Civil War, Seasonal, Sectional, Marches, Children Friendly, Classics for Concert band (Orchestral transcriptions))

Vote was taken, the winner: Show tunes.

Nathan: Classics for Concert band next time we make a CD.

New Business:

- Abolish folder deposits (per Jerry's email on 12/16/08)

-Announcement to the band about abolishing the folder fee.

- A certain amount of time to request refund. (End of February)

Paul- Proposal to charge a \$20 lost folder fee, and a waiver may be requested under catastrophic conditions. (General discussion of pros and cons)

\*Motion to abolish folder deposit. (Nathan Marge (5, 0, 0) Approved)  
Carter will make the announcement at the January 13th rehearsal.

\*Motion to enact a lost folder fee. – Withdrawn.

- Lorne Kennedy benefit concert?

-1/2 of Ensemble Concert set aside for woodwind groups Lorne was in.

-Pastor's idea: Benefit concert for 'Food Ministry'.

-if they want to organize small ensembles etc. they can and some will come from us.

\*They can organize it.\*

Jon has been approached by people who want to pay tribute.

Paul is willing to help.

- Discuss having a nationally known soloist/guest conductor (cost not to exceed \$2,000) at either the February or April 2010 concert

\*Motion for Jerry to seek a nationally known name (for not more than \$2000) for an April 2010 concert as a guest conductor/soloist.

-Discussion held.

Jerry: We need to set the date this far out and have the money to pay for it. I would like authorization to look for guest artists in spring of 2010.

Jon, Marge (5, 0, 0) Authorized.

Amend budget to change from \$450 to \$2,450.

Adjourn 9:47 PM