

**Ypsilanti Community Band  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2007**

<b>Board Present</b>	<b>Board Absent</b>
Meagan Bush	Alan Aldworth
Rebecca Cheskidov	Jim Phillips
Monica Chu	Aaron Taratsas
Matt Miller	Sandy Wagner
John Reves	Jim Wagner
Jerry Robbins	
Nathan Sparks	
Paul Vaughn	
Eric Walters	
Tom Warner	

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Decision</b>
Vote to approve September 2007 Meeting Minutes	<u>motion to approve, unanimous approval (7 votes)</u>
Select band member to fill open board position left by Joe Kastley	Don (percussion) or Walt (trumpet), Beth Askew (clarinet), Trinka (percussion), Christie (flute). Eric suggests asking Don and making him fundraising chair. Then, Eric takes publicity chair. Go with Beth as backup. <u>Nathan motions to have Meagan ask Don to join the board (Beth as backup), all approved. (8 votes)</u>
Discuss October concert recording	Board has approved (majority vote YES) to record the concert. Need to discuss copyright issues. According to Matt, Harry Fox website quotes 9.1 cents/song/copy is the cost for each song. Discussion on options: suggested recording concert and just ordering 100-150 cds for the membership and then work on selling future cds.
Appoint ad-hoc copyright committee	Rebecca and Eric, Alan, Matt and Meagan will be on the committee to start gathering copyright permissions for the CD recording.
Fundraising committee update/action items	A) count dues towards donation levels. \$20 buck/member a semester = \$40. Another \$10 donation will get the member listed as a donor. The \$40 can also be put towards other donations. Matt and Nathan discussed the record keeping issues that may arise. Tell members that if they make a tax deductible \$50 donation, their membership fees are waived. The donor will be listed in the concert program. <u>Motion to approve the plan to deduct dues from a donation: Matt motioned, Nathan second. All approved – 8 votes</u> B) committee asking for up to \$1500 to create and mail general appeal for donations (this has to be approved as a budget amendment). There is currently a \$200 “placeholder” in the budget. Board would have to

	<p>amend that line to \$1500. The FR committee is very confident that this course of action will generate sizable donations. Will want to print 1500 pieces. Eric will get quotes and Meagan will find out about Saline HS services. <u>Matt motions to amend the \$200 line to \$1500. Nathan seconds. All approve (8 votes)</u>. Currently estimate over \$2500 in ad sales to cover this</p>
<p>Publicity for October concert</p>	<p>There is an ad in Ann Arbor Observer. Flyer will be passed out at rehearsal. Matt suggests an email announcement to be sent out. Rebecca has 40 senior centers list to contact. Meagan will ask Christie if she's contacted anyone. Meagan will work with Emily to get out other ads. Rebecca suggests doing a post-card mailing to the members and names that they list. Meagan will follow up with publicity for this concert. Invite board of Whitmore Lake public schools (also state a Thank you to that board and WCC). Paul Vaughn will get that contact information.</p>
<p>Recognition Awards</p>	<p>Presented by Paul: Stadium Trophy will donate 2 plaques for an ad in the program. One plaque for the Ken Bowman winner and one for a member of the band (maybe in the name of Harold Goodsman). Paul volunteers to be chair of the Ken Bowman committee. <u>Eric moves to accept the offer. Matt seconds. All approve (8 votes)</u></p>
<p>Player Recruitment</p>	<p>4-5 people have been attending regularly that haven't paid. Meagan or John needs to go to these people and ask their intention to pay. If they haven't paid, their name is removed from all the records (program, roster, etc.). Matt will make an announcement at rehearsal asking folks to pay their dues or ask for hardship or your name will be taken off the roster. Matt can follow up with personal emails to those who haven't paid.</p> <p>A) 59-60 on the roster right now. Maybe add 5 more. We are short on trumpets and Bb clarinets as well as other instruments. A press release is going out this week to area newspapers regarding our rehearsal location and other info. Jerry suggests advertising at local college music areas, music and instrument stores. This was done in the past and did seem to help increase membership. Meagan can have Emily sign the press release out to other papers. Membership should help put up flyers. Board needs to know where they were put and how many. Rebecca suggests contacting the housing offices at UM and EMU, they'll let you post in the dorms. Matt will help with this.</p>

Library Updates Committee	postponed
Website Update	Meagan has an update from Logan. Main page is set. Has all the content for the other pages. Fundraising page needs to be revised. He has a lot of photos. Progress is being made. Board wants the site up regardless of "bugs" and lack of audio files, photos etc. Logan should have everything he needs. Board wants the site up asap.
Appoint permanent publicity chair	postponed until empty board position is filled
Bowman Scholarship	Paul will be chair of the committee. Sandy and Jane Bishop expressed interest in being in the committee. Jerry will investigate other bands that do this and model the award after those.
4 yr plan by publicity committee	postponed
ID instrument and non-instrument needs for 5 yr period	Postponed. At next meeting equipment committee is to provide a list of equipment and dollar amounts for board approval.
Assistant Business Manager	Paul V is on record as the assistant business manager.
Harold Goodsman will	Nathan received a letter from Harold Goodman's estate lawyers regarding Harold's will. Harold has left YCB 1/8 of whatever remains of his estate. Jerry has asked Joe to go to the hearing on Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> .

prepared by: MIC