

**Ypsilanti Community Band
Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2007**

Present	Absent
Alan Aldworth	Joe Kastley
Meagan Bush	Jim Phillips
Rebecca Cheskidov	Sandy Wagner
Monica Chu	Jim Wagner
Matt Miller	
John Reves	
Jerry Robbins	
Nathan Sparks	
Aaron Taratsas	
Eric Walters	
Tom Warner	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision
Vote to approve June 2007 Meeting Minutes	motion to approve, all approved (9 votes)
Publicity for July 28 th concert	Location at the park is chosen but PR needed to get an audience. Also want to still do a band picnic after the concert. Meagan will contact township to see about getting signs out. Discussed newspapers to place an ad in. Radio stations: WEMU, etc. WAM radio. Alan volunteered to contact media orgs to get promo announcements. Rebecca suggested market in the Vanburren area. Ask the park entrance to hand out flyers to cars entering the park. Suggestion to hand flyers out door-to-door in the neighborhoods near the park. Advertise at the senior homes/centers? After concert picnic: pizza and pot-luck. Ask local pizza place to donate pizza since we are 501c3. Meagan knows a domino's franchise owner. Alan will also check with domino corporate.
Publicity Chair	There is currently no publicity chair. Meagan is asking for a volunteer to be chair before appointing someone. Alan A. volunteered to be interim chair until an official chair is appointed
One Year Plan 2006-2007	a. property committee and board identify instrument needs for 5 year period – need to approve ¼ of the needs. Aaron handed out list of instrument needs for immediate and future (see attached). cases and gig boxes are included in the list b/c our equipment is moved often. Jerry suggested that priority be placed on Aaron's list of "every day items". <u>Jerry's suggestion: get cost for immediate needs list. Good hs/college level of quality equipment. And then decide if we have the resources for purchases. Then, revisit this at the next meeting. (enter aaron's list here) add concert cymbals</u>

	<p>b. property committee and board to identify non-instrument 5 year needs – some non-instrument needs on the same list that Aaron handed out (see attached). File cabinets: can get from UM disposition.</p> <p>c. library committee – skipped since Sandy not here</p> <p>appoint website committee – Eric Walter's son, Logan has offered to redo the website at no cost. We need a committee to oversee the website. Aaron will be the chair. Tom will also be on the committee. The committee will also include the business manager (John), Eric, Logan, Jerry, Meagan</p>
One Year Plan 2007-2008	publicity committee to devise 4 year plan – skipped
Appoint group or committee to arrange CD sale	<p>Jerry began the discussion: the CD committee should start on the marketing end; sell recordings and make money. What will sell? Musical content and quality of the recording are important. Discussion proceeded on what should be on the CD and how to go about making the recording. Live performance vs. recording session? Jerry suggested redo'ing a Rhrusday night concert on the following Sunday for recording. Alan volunteered to be on the committee (he has friends in the recording business). Meagan will make an announcement asking for volunteers to be on the CD committee</p>
Appoint group or committee to prepare policies/procedures for selecting and awarding annual winner of Ken Bowman scholarship to Blue Lake.	<p>Meagan will make announcement to band about what the board has decided. Donation of music and scholarship fund. Jerry volunteered to be on committee. Still need a chair. Currently, \$1400 has been given in Mr. Bowman's memory. Rebecca volunteered for the committee. Jerry points out five titles that can be purchased in Mr. Bowman's name. Need a scholarship committee that will propose how it will work.</p>
Insurance	<p>Meagan presented insurance proposal. Premium is \$1085 annually. Whitmore lake requires liability insurance. The insurance policy will cover YCB owned equipment and sheet music library to the total amount of \$48849. Board needs to make a formal motion to adopt this insurance plan. <u>Meagan turned the chair over to Monica and recused herself from any further discussion or involvement in the insurance matter.</u> <u>After further discussion, Aaron moved and Alan seconded a motion to authorize the YCB business manager, on behalf of YCB, to enter into an agreement with the Harleysville Insurance Company for general liability and property insurance and to authorize the expenditure of \$1085 for a</u></p>

	<p><u>one-year premium. The motion was approved unanimously by those present and voting (8 votes). The insurance will be effective as soon as the formalities can be completed. Meagan resumed the chair.</u> The insurance will be effective immediately.</p>
October Concert	<p>Jerry sent out email about the plans for the Oct concert. How do we get people interested in the themed concert. Jerry thought about getting a local citgo station to sponsor the concert. We will advertise for Citgo. We want \$1000 for official sponsorship. Contact with Citgo should be at level of district organization. This is a good opportunity for extra fundraising and PR. Some special publicity to an older and specialized audience "old time" radio, band history, Americana. Get radio, newspaper, tv coverage. Need active pr committee to run with this. Rebecca suggested a ticket price since this is a special event.</p>
Email Vote for new Board Member	<p>Prior to the July 9, 2007 board meeting, Rebecca Cheskidov was voted by current board members (via email) to join the YCB board.</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Jerry handed out 1 year plan for concerts. music and themes (double reed feature during intermission of winter concert)</p>

List of Equipment Needs presented by Mr. Taratsas

Immediate:

Finger cymbal

1 microphone

Bar Chime w/ stand

Bell tree chime

Jingle bells

Ratchet

Whip

Temple Blocks

Whistles (slide, nightingale, siren, tug boat or train)

Bongos w/ stand

Conga w/ stand

Bigger Gong w/ stand

more file cabinets

In 5-10 years:

Vibraphone

5 octave Marimba

high and low crotales

In 10-20 years:

Concert Celesta

Portable Electric Piano



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