

**Ypsilanti Community Band
Board Meeting Minutes
12May2008**

Board Present	Board Absent
Carter Adler (president-elect)	Alan Aldworth
Trudy Adler (incoming)	Aaron Taratsas
Beth Askew (incoming)	Paul Vaughn
Trinka Benedict (incoming)	John Reves
Meagan Bush (outgoing president)	Sandy Wagner
Rebecca Cheskidov	Jim Wagner
Monica Chu (outgoing)	
Howard Fillmore (incoming)	
Jon Kennedy (incoming)	
Matt Miller (outgoing)	
Jerry Robbins	
Nathan Sparks	
Marge Taylor (incoming)	
Tom Warner (outgoing)	
Eric Walters (outgoing)	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision
Vote to approve April 2008 Meeting Minutes	<u>minutes approved (unanimous)</u>
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. fundraising: no updates; committee is working on a mailing but some issues with getting a flier printed. Nathan applied for a bulk rate stamp from the postal service but they need a real address not a PO Box. Nathan will give the form to Paul to handle. Rebecca reports annual fund letters are at the printers now. Will be stuffed, sealed and mailed by the end of the week. 1000 extra mailback envelopes that can go in the programs. Expenditure will be accounted for this year but income will go in next year's budget. b. property: need some small equipment; music stands and rack came in and were assembled. Property labels were put on all equipment by Paul and Aaron. Meagan will follow up with Paul on the inventory list. c. membership: Matt reports Trudy is new membership chair. Summer roster is set and may be updated as needed. Jen Lowenberg will work on summer picnic. Matt suggests now would be a good time to recruit from high schools and colleges. Printed off roster will be given to the band some time soon. Discussion followed about whether this is a good idea due to concerns about security of the information. Matt suggests that people get a chance to opt out of having their info included. Trudy will look into what it takes to get a password protected section of the website for this info. d. publicity: Carter reports that we are included in the Riverside events poster and card. Committee is working on getting a card of YCB summer events printed up and

	<p>handed out. Working on trying to get arrangements from senior centers to bus people in to our concerts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. awards: no update f. library: summer music prep is underway g. treasurer: Nathan handed out current budget. Current balance of fiscal year is \$5800. h. secretary: Guidelines/handbook needs to be changed - thank you notes to donor has been moved to fundraising committee i. president: Carter is president elect. Meagan talked to youth department regarding volunteering and possible board membership. Meagan can pass on that contact info to Carter for him to follow up j. conductor: Jerry reports that Carter Eggers will not be able to play Carnival of Venice with us in June. John Z in trumpet section has agreed to give it a try. Discussion followed on choice of soloist for this piece or perhaps choose another piece. Carter states that the pieces we perform and soloists ultimately lie with the conductor. In the future, possibly look for local talent in the schools. Marge suggests that perhaps her friend (principal trumpet in Raleigh Durham) could do the solo as plan B. Will be doing an organ with band piece at the December holiday concert. k. business manager: absent l. budget: Jerry reports that a committee has been appointed but not met. Paul has requested committee budgets. Have to adopt a budget at the June meeting. Draft budget may be sent out over email. m. new chairs: Carter reports no new secretary (straws will be drawn at the next meeting). Rebecca fundraising, Aaron property, Trudy personnel, Marge publicity, Sandy library, Alan treasurer
<p>Yule in Ypsi</p>	<p>Jerry has acquired the free use of Pease auditorium for the YCC YCB joint holiday concert. We need to have more than 500 in the audience or we probably will not be able to get Pease again. Jerry's proposal is to get some people from the band (don't need to be on board) to meet with YCC members and then work with local government/organizations and make a community event of this. Ideas: Santa Claus, local florists and decorators to decorate Pease, school kids (brass players to play at intermission), get HS choral group to sing with YCC, art exhibit prior to concert, deal with local restaurants (special deals before/after concert), Tower Inn party/reception. Publicity blitz. Need to ID some people in the band who can start the ball rolling. Marge says she would be interested in serving on this committee. Rebecca suggests targeting elementary/middle school students to participate (more likely to get parents/family to attend). Nathan knows of one or two sponsors for the concert. Board is supportive of this idea.</p>

Calendar of meetings/times/places for next year	Carter says any Monday, Wed or several Thursdays each month are OK. This is a topic that can be decided by email. Carter will follow up with this via email.
discuss changes to board policy	Carter reports small changes to Guideline/Handbook to make document consistent with changes made to bylaws. Pending changing wording of secretary responsibilities <u>all approve (unanimous vote)</u> .
need to adopt budget	Budget committee is getting together. Updates will come through email and be discussed at the next meeting
audit committee	Listed in the April minutes: Carter, Jerry, Paul (possibly Jim Philips).
YCB 30 th anniversary	observed with Feb 2009 concert. Jerry reports that some bands have commissioned new work (too late to do that), competition (\$250 prize for a short work), guest artist, invite/include former directors. Gather YCB historical items (include the Ypsilanti Archives and donate the items back to them). Fundraising committee can make an extra push here and should be included in the planning. (Aside: Jerry's 10 th anniversary will be celebrated in Oct2008).

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