

Ypsilanti Community Band Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2009

Attendance:

Joe Burke

Jerry Robbins

Jon Kennedy

Tom Patrick

Aaron Taratsas

Shirley Charbonneau

Trinka Benedict

Paul Vaughan

Eric Walters (late)

Absent:

Alan Aldworth

Call to order: 7:09 p.m.

Joe: Nominations?

*Motion to nominate Raynette Kempf and Margaret Waggoner to the Board of Directors.

Shirley, Jon (7, 0, 0 Approved)

Nominees asked to tell about themselves.

Raynette-

YCB player for 5 ½-6 years

Dexter Band since 1982 and brings experience and information on how community bands run

Hobbies are music and sewing

Margaret-

YCB player for 6 years

Just started with the Belleville band

Has wanted to be on board for a long time (now has the time)

Wants to make things run smoother

Discussion of term lengths-

Terms will be through May 2011

Acceptance of November Minutes:

*Motion to Accept Revised November minutes. Jon, Raynette (9, 0, 0) Accepted

Old Business:

Budget Review – specifically as relates to Band’s ability to make instrument purchase.

Are we sound enough to purchase a marimba now?

“No.” per Alan’s email.

Aaron: Update on the status of the marimba. I ordered. It was delivered today! Cost: \$2400.00. We have spent the money from the Board. The marimba was purchased with loaned money. We now have to pay the loaner back.

Eric: Paul, tell Alan to cut a check.

Paul: Three things were needed and the percussionists were asked to prioritize. (Marimba gong and vibes) The marimba was high priority and the vibes were delayed (expected to be \$5,000.00).

Joe marimba was purchased. Do we need to cut a check? (No) Have Alan make a check.

WCC Collaboration – Action item: to empower ad hoc committee consisting of Conductor, President, Business Manager and YCB member Sandy Wagner to meet as needed with President (and/or his designees: Dean Abernathy, Asst. Morrison) of Washtenaw Community College to negotiate collaboration agreement.

Jerry: What are the outstanding issues?

Joe: Will we go on with discussion? What are the time frames? What does this really mean? Julie Morrison can tell us about access? Money? Publicity?

Joe: Anyone against?

(No one is against continuing the discussion with WCC involving the merge.)

New Business

Discussions regarding putting in place a protocol for dealing with invitations to perform.

Paul: -through me to set schedule.

Shirley: Does that include the town band?

Joe/Paul: yes

Amend Band Handbook to create a Low Brass section.

Joe: Jerry has made a suggestion to create a 'Low Brass Section'

Jerry: We have euphoniums and trombones together and tubas and string basses, the idea is to combine the two sections under one section leader. Paul (section leader for the euphoniums and trombones) has offered to take over tubas and string a basses.

*Motion to amend the handbook to say "Low Brass and String Bass". Aaron, Margaret (9, 0, 0) Approved.

Reports:

Committees—

-Development: Grace has resigned.

Joe: Table that until the next meeting when we have a new publicity chair.

-Treasurer (Alan: Sent report by email and it was posted in GOOGLE.docs)

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Shirley, Aaron (9, 0, 0,) Approved.

Shirley: It was clear and laid out very well.

Joe: We are lucky to have it.

-Personnel (No Report)

New Chair: Shirley

-Publicity (No Report)

-Fundraising (Walt: Sent an email and it was posted in GOOGLE.docs)

-Equipment (Aaron)

Marimba has arrived and it needs assembly. We are also looking for a place to put it for storage. A little house cleaning is in order. No problems at this time. Kirby has offered a secure cage to help with storage.

*Motion to accept the Equipment report. Jon, Tom (9, 0, 0) Approved.

-Library (Erica: Sent report by email and it was posted in GOOGLE.docs)

Found a string bass part for “‘Twas the Night” on the internet.

Jerry (?): Erica will be leaving us in the summer. Someone will be called upon to take over.

Aaron: Erica and I considered getting our own scanner (an ink jet or a laser jet)

Joe- Ink is not the way to go; if it gets wet it dies.

*Motion to accept Library report. Aaron, Raynette (9, 0, 0) Accepted

-Conductor (Jerry: Sent report by email and it was posted in GOOGLE.docs)

Comments on a few points:

#14 convergence conference:

There was a fundraising and publicity session I encourage you to read the notes (Google).

#27 Vince and I (on our own expense) went to a conducting symposium where there was an opportunity to conduct EMU bands for critique or to watch and learn and a lecture from author on selecting music, etc.

#26 I went to see 'Measure for Measure' again.

(Passed out program for Measure to Measure)

-President: (Joe)

I went to the Chamber of Commerce. "No publicity for the concert." We had 80% turnover. The good news is that we can "START OVER!" get the publicity to get us something to hand out sooner rather than later. No one is breaking down the door. We will have to volunteer someone.

Communication: The amount of emails has been staggering! The reports and thoughts are to be posted on Google. IF not effective we can do something else. A lot of stuff goes into the ether.

Aaron: Is the previous setup from Carter still there?

Paul: Yes.

(Discussion)

Other:

Next Month: January 11, 2010, location to be determined by Paul at the HVA or WCC.

Next month we will have scheduled Joint concert Novi Sunday May 2, 2010 at Novi (55-60 people).

Shirley: I need to be oriented on the 1year/5year/vision statement and its challenges. Where the previous board failed, and some way to get that what the challenges and priorities are!

Eric: A work session at my place to spend the day working.

Paul: Are we going to accept Novi on May 2nd?

Eric: Is there a problem with May 2nd?

Jerry: No problem there is a gap until May 27th and we are looking for something to do.

Paul: Whitmore Lake would like to do something at the beginning of April or beginning of May.

*Motion to accept the invitation to play with Novi (at Novi) on May 2nd, 2010. Aaron, Margaret (9, 0, 0) Accepted.

*Motion to adjourn. (Aaron, Raynette 9, 0, 0) Passed

Adjournment: 9:13