

August 11, 2008 Ypsilanti Community Band Board Meeting

Call to order: 7:33 P.M.

Attendance:

Carter Adler

Paul Vaughan

Beth Askew

Marge Taylor

Nathan Sparks

Aaron Taratsas

Trinka Benedict

Jerry Robbins

Tardy:

Howard Fillmore

Absent:

Rebecca Cheskidov

Jim Wagner

Sandy Wagner

Jon Kennedy

Alan Aldworth

Approval of previous minutes:

\*Motion to approve minutes of July 14, 2008 meeting. Nathan, Marge (5, 0, 0 approved)

Reports:

- President: (Carter)

have - Need a volunteer to be "President pro tem" has to be a board member. We may to pick numbers again.

- Need a new Personnel Chair

-Paul is taking care of the Personnel Chair through mid September.

-Personnel chair does not need to be on the board and may report via email.

Please let Carter know if you have anyone for either of these positions.

- Discuss board meeting time/location

-In June we approved to be here (Lake Shore Apartments) through Dec.

-Rebecca has indicated that she cannot make it and asks if we can do it somewhere else.

-Paul has the option of using the Huron Valley Ambulance Headquarters (hereafter HVA) at State Street (1200 State Circle)

-Aaron proposed trying it next month at HVA.

-Paul indicated that HVA would like to get into a partnership with us.

-Carter took a poll: Who really doesn't like meeting here? (none) Who would find the HVA inconvenient? (none)

\*Motion to try the HVA for next month's meeting only. (September 8, 2008) (Aaron, Trinka 5, 0, 0 passed)

-There is a conference room we may use, Paul will set it up.

- This is our year to prepare a comprehensive, rolling, 15-month calendar of "things to be done behind the scenes," e.g., publicity deadlines, "bookings" of future concerts, committee meetings, fund-raising target dates, as well as rehearsals, concerts, Board meetings, agenda deadlines, elections, band annual business meeting, deadlines for accomplishing various "goals for the year," etc.

-Carter is working on several calendar (googlecalendar: ycb calendars first just performances, second performances and rehearsals (call times) third has board meetings and committee meetings.

- Paul suggests we compile a master list of all googledocs.
- Carter offers to set up @ypsiband.com email for anyone who wants it.
- He will email the calendars to the board members
- Jerry: It was for getting things thought through instead of having them sneak up on us.

Everything would be on it:

- 1) Promotional,
- 2) Library,
- 3) Other deadlines
- 4) Items to get organized.

-Trinka suggests using a reminder function. Is there one?

-Aaron clarified that Carter is suggesting that we need to find type of calendar for all of these functions.

- Treasurer: (absent)

-Paul has balance, \$13,195.68 on all accounts (last 6 weeks of bills to be paid).

- Secretary: (Trinka)

Finished meeting minutes (finally) and emailed and paper copies were made and distributed.

- Conductor: (Jerry)

He has sent his conductor report via email and had no additions to that. (Paul indicated he needed a copy) For those who are unable to read this attachment, it is copied in its entirety at the end of these minutes.

-Jerry may have a fairly complete set of programs and he is setting up a time table. He has been going through the meeting minutes of the last 30 yrs. He is missing some items

-Paul has program for Change of Command at the Yankee Air Base.

-There are notations of 'firsts'. I.e. Christmas's and Heritage Festivals and Pie Events (passed it around)

- Business Manager: (Paul)

-He has sent a copy of his report. For those who are unable to read this attachment, it is copied in its entirety at the end of these minutes (after the Conductor's report)

-Paul requested \$200 for bulletin board and volunteers to keep it up.

-He is working on getting storage cabinet access from Mike Kirby

- Progress report on insurance

We are now up to date and within our term limits.

- Progress on scheduling a joint event with another community band

Whitmore lake and Red Cedar- no progress (will be talked about during 'Scheduling of Summer 2009' later)

-Items to add to calendar of the 2008 summer series:

Paul's report lists schedule of upcoming events he read these mostly from the report. These items were discussed:

YCC joint rehearsal for the December 11<sup>th</sup> concert not planned yet. There is limited time for use of Pease on the day and we may be able to use Whitmore lake gymnasium

May (3rd week): We have been requested to be community partner with Huron Valley Ambulance and to perform at EMS week. HVA would pay our expenses.

-Thank you, Howard, for the Pie event.

Carter FYI- He has discussed with fundraising and publicity committees an advertisement exchange with YCC and YSO.

- Publicity: (Marge)

- Progress on increasing audience sizes:

-How do we get more people involved in publicity?

-Beth was reminded of Rebecca suggesting members volunteering addresses to mail and email to.

-Carter said we got a lot of bad email and some bad mailing addresses from that attempt. It was determined to be not worth the cost, but sending mailings to conductors and band directors would be worth it.

-The fundraising committee had said to send mailings to donors of \$25 a postcard regarding concerts.

-Bulk mail rates were discussed:

-Paul said with printing cost and envelopes, postage and cards \$1200 and suggested a sign up list at concerts, asking for addresses for mailings.

-Marge is in contact with EMYOU about people who are in YCB who are from or in EMU.

-Carter suggested when we start fall rehearsals that we ask people at the sign up: 'which committee would you like to help with?'

-Jerry indicated some people need to get personal invitation- Brandon, for example.

-Paul suggested that those who are ill can work in support position to participate until ready to play.

-Marge would like to get a list of people who have EMU affiliation and what the connection is. An announcement is to be made and a page of information to be distributed regarding this.

- Fundraising: (Paul)

Ideas on collections- Proceeding

Band shell fundraising-

-Paul talked to fundraising committee members about band shell fundraising prospects and their response was that their hands are full and the recommendation is to form a separate committee for the band shell fundraising.

Association of Concert Bands (hereafter ACB) Convention Fundraising ideas-

-Seek funding from individuals,

-Have individuals fund their way,

-Have a fundraiser to get others to come on trip to Muskegon Michigan in 2011.

- Library: (Beth)

- Progress report on library operations, including black folders –

The Library committee is overwhelmed with new music, handing it out and picking it up.

-Sandy is working to try to get people to come to rehearsal early to get music. During the August 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> hiatus Sandy will hold library work sessions to put away music etc. to help 'catch up'.

-Beth said it is difficult and time consuming to distribute during rehearsals with new people coming or people needing missing/left behind or uncovered parts.

-Paul suggested that if you need something and aren't there, use discipline in bringing your music and share if there is someone who has the music you are missing.

- Personnel: (Paul)

-Progress report on goal to have 85 paid (including hardship authorization) members on the roster, including recruitment of players where sectional targets not met. Focus on reducing absenteeism, especially for summer [2009] performances; focus on membership promotional materials; develop policy on short-term use of non-member players when there will be a shortage in some section for performances.

-Paul said our current roster has 77 members, we need 8 people.

-Jerry indicated we need more woodwind and clarinets of all sizes, including oboes.

-Beth expressed that the woodwinds hard to keep because the band has 'too much brass'. She has noted that they come to play and then leave when they cannot hear themselves over the brass section.

- Nathan wondered if we could move people around (spread the brass out).
- Jerry said theoretically it can happen, but you will still have a lot of brass everywhere.
- Carter asked if Lorne was following up on the people who 'come, play, and leave'. Lorne is a passive section leader (clarinet). He shows up but doesn't 'lead'.
- Jerry indicated Lorne was appointed because he is the one who wanted to do it. Others had turned the position down.
- Carter suggested that we may want to see if they can find a more active section leader.
- Jerry if we could find out why people are not coming back...
- Beth reiterated that it was not fun to play but not hear your instrument.
- This is our year to hold "at least one social event for players and additional social event(s) that include family and "friends" of YCB."
- There is to be a "Player" event December 16 (the Tuesday after the Pease performance). It will be a 1/2 rehearsal to give out new music and run through music for Red Cedar and the February anniversary concert and then a small casual party.
- Paul talked to Tower inn they thought they could work something out with them regarding the get together after the Pease concert December 11<sup>th</sup>. He talked to Royce. They are willing to give up their place for it.
- Beth, regarding getting a new personnel chair- how do we do this?
- Carter said he has no answer for that. We can recruit from the band in general, giving them the option to report via email instead of attending the meetings.

- Property: (Aaron)

- Stands & stand racks are set and in working order
  - Progress report on equipment acquisition for this FY and planning for next FY
    - Things we need:
      - We had no requests from any committee, although there had been talk of a scanner for copying for the library committee, there was no request, only the bulletin board request from Paul.
        - There is the possibility of acquiring wheels for timpani.
      - We need a new Xylophone, because the bottom is falling apart on the one we have.
      - New cart and/or bags for the percussion equipment.
        - Paul and Carter: Go ahead with the requests that are within the budget.
        - It was in long term goal where we have enough to supply our entire band with stands to bring to every concert. This would be about 95 stands and racks to carry them.
      - Aaron indicated that we can't bring all stands in the truck size that we have. I
        - Marge asked- How about each person takes their stand with them?
        - Paul indicated assigning individual stands and allowing them to be taken home would be too difficult to track. He also alluded to missing stand lights that were provided as an example.
      - Aaron also pointed out that Whitmore Lake may not have space for us to store all 95 stands.
        - Paul furnished us with the cost to have stands for all: \$1500 (@ about \$50 a stand).
        - Carter clarified that the main issue is storage and transportation of all the stands.
- Homework: Think of ideas regarding storage and transportation of stands.**
- Aaron asked if there were any smaller percussion toys needed? He will talk with Jerry regarding this.

-Website: (Carter)

- Progress report:
  - Major remaining items:
    - "audio and video vignettes,"
- Carter expressed that someone will have to make the audio and video vignettes (not him) and is asking for people may know how to do it.
- Marge may know someone who can be of help in this area.
  - "information of interest to general public and/or media, such as 'human interest' stories about players or program elements"

-Carter asks Marge (and everyone) if you see any pieces of media (more than just list) about any of our players- as a member- please bring these to him, so we can say we have been featured and have human interest stories for templates.

-Carter is editing down audio clips and gradually adding them to the website.

-Nathan mentioned that Virgil does recordings.

-Aaron is willing to do the audio because he has all of the recordings

- Audit: (Paul)

-Nothing.

- Band shell: (Jerry)

Recent events-

-The Depot Town Community Development Corporation (hereafter the DTCDC) is looking for Government or foundations for funding of the band shell. It has not asked for the concert fundraising.

-Erik Dotzauer, the Executive Director of the DTCDC met with the group charged to find a way of being a service to the community. Erik talked of the band shell there. He is trying to get to people who do grant writing and has asked if Jerry would meet with that group and talk with them about the band shell. Jerry is continuing to email Erik regarding this project.

-Marge visited a band shell that was to be renovated and made contact with the manager and asked where they got their money for the renovations. They got the legislature to get the money for them. :)

-Jerry said that it is their project. We keep offering to help where we can, they have not asked for anything in particular from us.

- Awards: (Paul)

- Progress report on Goodsmen Award-

-Paul said our plan is to remind band members and point out members to the committee for recommendation at the October 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting for approval.

- "Yule in Ypsi": (Marge)

- A draft agenda was passed out regarding the August 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 Meeting 6:00 Monday at 300 N. Huron. This is just a draft of ideas/skeleton for getting ball rolling. She hopes that this meeting will identify who will do what. Ariel (Toews) Ricotta may or may not be there. Jerry will be there and all are invited. Marge will send this agenda to others. If there are any ideas to add in the next couple of days, please send these to Marge.

-After concert idea:

-Roosevelt Hall has given us permission to use a conference room for an after-concert party. The hospitality students would be made available to provide food etc. This would put the party across from Pease and we would be able to have luminaries along the sidewalk to direct people from Pease to Roosevelt hall. There are students that say they will set up luminaries. We could park at Roosevelt Hall and save on parking. We have permission for a lot of it. The university hotel/restaurant people can do wine tasting. Marge is open to other ideas in case that is the direction we wish to go with this party.

-Another possibility is that the Tower Inn would provide the food and the students could do the hors d'oeuvres.

-Marge is the administrator of the building. :)

-The Ypsilanti Community Choir is exceptionally excited!

-Jerry said they are board members and movers and shakers!

-Aaron suggested that Eastern Michigan University might want to record it or have Washtenaw Community College do it. There should be some sort of record of it.

-Jerry offered that the music department has people to do it.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Discuss scheduling for summer 2009

-Carter asked what are the criteria for summer concerts, regarding Paul's list (see Business manager's report).

-Carter has marked which are concerts are paid, local, previously done, and other qualities, observing that we had a number of new opportunities but we had no set criteria for choosing to play or not play a concert.

What criteria do we want to use in deciding to play a concert?

Is there a criterion for Paul to use as a guide?

-Jerry offered that August performances are nightmares due to scheduling being tough (lots of people on vacation) and however, UA is exception as it is a way of repaying Washtenaw Community College for the use of Towsley Auditorium. We also have to look to where we attract an audience. The Yankee Air Museum and the Heritage Festival are not set up for people to sit and watch and donations are modest.

-Marge said the Huron Valley Ambulance (hereafter HVA) idea opens us to the health field. She is on the CERT team and this will give us access to hospital fundraisers/parties, etc. and create a new audience for us.

-Nathan suggested as a factor: "How much fun are we having?" We should do new and different concerts but also things we have done previously so people can plan ahead to attend the concerts.

-Beth and Paul are both going for community outreach as a motivation.

-Paul would not mind getting rid of the Yankee Air Museum and Heritage Festival concerts but tradition says we do them. The Yankee Air Museum is beginning to come around but the Heritage Festival is not good. He cites Emergency Medical Services (hereafter EMS) week with the HVA and depot town parks as good community based concerts.

-Jerry said there were many years of playing frequently (every other week basis) in June and July but audience has dwindled. The Riverside Park concert was a good sized audience, a pleasant surprise. There was no money there but the audience was. June or July gives us a bigger audience and we are the central performance. (We got \$400) He is in favor of doing more regular performances instead of the Heritage Festival.

-Carter asked what the plan says. (The goal is 6 regular concerts plus 2 paid private performances)

-The HVA, UA, and Dexter Ann Arbor Run performances are paid.

-Beth: "Can we pick a number?"

-Jerry said each piece is scheduled twice to play. There is also expense of going someplace to play.

-Aaron asks that the criteria 'give the cost of moving stuff as a consideration in the choices'.

-Howard gets the most enjoyment out of shared concerts. He liked doing local parks, Candy Cane Park, etc. Riverside Park is open but the other parks are closed to us (insurance, cost, etc).

-Paul doesn't want to pay over the truck cost to play etc. There has been a discussion of police issues with Carter and both have talked to the mayor. The police are looking for outside (us) funding.

-Beth said the Huron Valley Humane Society does a weekly spot on a local radio station.

-Paul has talked to them. They have press people we can get too.

-Carter wants each of us to tell us what we want for criteria for a concert.

-Carter points:

Jerry- Past audience size should be important criteria. Also no August concerts except for UA. Getting people to perform in August is difficult.

Marge- Likes the community based thing and reaching new audiences.

Nathan- 'Is it fun?' should be a factor and doing new things.

Beth- Likes a good audience.

Paul- We should do the traditions but they are a pain.

Jerry- Is in favor of Riverside Park when looking ahead.

Aaron- Wants to consider equipment move when deciding.

Howard- Enjoys doing shared performances.

Aaron- If someone approaches us, we need to figure out if an ensemble or pep band would be more appropriate, instead of full concert.

Carter- -Or a quartet or something to send instead. The problem is we need would need music, members, and organizers for each group. Brass quintets are done, but usually as one-time things. Trumpets are usually limiting factor.

Jerry- Would love to have period WWI band (17peice).

Aaron- "We need someone to take over the John Reves Band (The Riverside Big Band)."

Jerry- That is John's baby. As soon as he gets through his schooling he will start up again.

Paul- He is not going to have time. His schooling will be extended (medical internships, etc.).

Carter- What if we ask John if we can keep the band going?

Jerry- He is protective, but it would not hurt to ask.

Howard- Lorne is the person to ask John.

Jerry- Carter is the person to ask.

\*Motion to direct band leadership (Carter) to contact John Reed to let us take up the Riverside band while he is too busy, until he is ready to return to take up the band. Nathan, Howard (6, 0, 0 passed)

Nathan- Says to get rid of Heritage Festival.

Aaron- Says Belleville community band can take the Yankee Air Museum concert and drop Heritage festival.

Beth- Wants to drop Yankee Air Museum, Heritage Festival and Milan concerts, but keep the Dexter/Ann Arbor Run.

Howard- Likes all of them - for keeping the Heritage Festival

Marge- Likes all of them but if we are to drop something, drop the Heritage Festival and Milan is a bit far.

Trinka- Keep all and move Milan inside. Heritage Festival was not a good experience for me so if we have to get rid of something that would be the one.

Paul- Milan had a good musician turn-out. Maybe we should move it up to July. As for Depot Town concerts, three is too many (1 or 2). Drop the Heritage Festival and have limited performances for Depot town. Keep the Yankee Air Museum concert. UA- we have got to do it. Keep the Ypsilanti Township Fireworks.

Jerry- We are committed to: UA, Fireworks, two performances at Riverside, the pep band for the Dexter/Ann Arbor Run, the spacing needs work. Maybe we should space it every 2-3 weeks apart.

Carter- If we play the similar programs we may be able to play more. Carter- We could move Milan up.

\*Motion to drop the Heritage Festival, and Yankee Air Museum concerts. Do two Depot Towns, and move the Milan concert up. Nathan, Marge (6, 0, 0 passed)

Paul- Will not confirm EMS or the Huron Valley Humane Society dates.

Howard- Has anyone looked into the Dixboro one day fair (it is a big deal there) they have a central spot for everything.

Jerry - August 28, 2008 UA completion ceremony is a commitment. We get \$1000 and we support Washtenaw Community College and they give us Towsely for 'free'.

-Send two players to ACB convention in Texas:

...Jerry said we have \$1,000 to support the travel to Houston (April). We need to try to find some people who will pay part of the expense. The goal is to learn about the ACB, to tell them about us, and it is a great playing opportunity.

-Paul suggested we should make an announcement to get people who are interested to get a note to the president.

-Carter asked Jerry the specifics about dates and registration so we can get our people picked before then.

-This is our year to "seek an unpaid intern from an arts management (or related) program, assigned to YCB." Who is responsible for contacts with UM, EMU, etc.? Getting someone for Fall Semester seems to me to be of particular importance to take on/assist with a LOT of the things that need to be done, under the supervision of the appropriate "leader" in the YCB organization. (Carter)

-This is urgent because of the approaching fall semester. Don Chaffin made contact with 1<sup>st</sup> year person who coordinated UofM arts, etc. It was a new person who needs to work on finding out what is what. He has had the year now. We now suggest Don connects with faculty to get an arts management intern.

-Jerry did the same thing with the Arts Management program in the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts (CTA) at the Arts Administration Internship Fair and made contact. There were more people and places trying to get interns than there were providing interns. He had two nibbles. Both are 'no-gos'. We need to ask Don to follow up at UofM and Jerry follow up at EMU. We are better off going with the Universities.

\*Motion made to have Jerry and Don to follow up with EMU and UofM respectively. Aaron, Beth (6, 0, 0 passed)

- Discuss appointing new board member(s): (Carter)

-We have room for 2 potential (not needed to fill) at-large board members, who can be appointed by board vote. We need to fill the personnel chair position, which does not need to be a board member, and is simply appointed by me.

Adjourn Carter: 10:06pm

(The Conductor's Report and Business Manager's Report are on following pages)

CONDUCTOR'S REPORT  
Ypsilanti Community Band  
August 11, 2008

YCB Major Things I've Done Since the June Board Meeting:

1. Conducted rehearsals at WLHS on July 15, 22, 29 and August 5.
2. Make preparations for and conducted the July 15 concert in Riverside Park and the August 7 concert in Wilson Park in Milan. (Conducted two items in the latter before stopping for rain.).
3. Made hard copies of the 2008-2009 YCB Guidelines/Handbook and gave them to the four YCB members who do not receive email..
4. Make various changes/additions to the web site. Updates of news, adjusted concert information, blog entries, etc.
5. Prepared "music" page for August 7 and August 16 printed programs and provided to Christie. Proofread program for August 7.
6. Various exchanges of emails re (a) vocal soloist for "Star Spangled Banner" for UA Commencement, (b) Library personnel re music we are through with for the summer, and (c) members of the Board.
7. Prepared and sent several informational emails to the entire "greater" (app. 150 names) YCB mailing list, and made/distributed hard copies to those who don't get email; prepared and sent several emails to Band Board on various matters.
8. Have tracked down (with one exception for an assistant conductor) the former conductors and former assistant conductors and have sent letter or email to each inviting them to be a part of the February concert. Lynn Cooper with attend Tuesday rehearsal, as well as Thursday concert, to conduct. Paul Stanifer has agreed to conduct. Jon Margerum-Leys will perform a sax solo with band. Vince Chrisman would rather "just play." I have had no response from the others at this point.

Bandshell

9. Marge made a contact with administrator of a band shell in Ohio—one that is currently being renovated. Had exchange of email with that person about financing and forwarded that

information to Erik Dotzauer, executive of the Depot Town Community Development Corporation.

10. Several exchanges of email with Erik to make sure that project continues to "move along." Erik has met with EMU personnel who have some interest in grant writing for civic projects. He has invited me to meet with this group in the future.

#### YCB 30-Year History Article for Ypsilanti Historical Society

11. Email exchanges with Lynn Cooper, the founder;. He sent me a list of what he had and I checked that against what was already in hand. Asked him to send photocopies of remaining items. These have not yet been received. Jim McGraw has furnished me with his personal historical files for YCB. There has been no response from Mary (Mrs. Ken) Bowman, as to materials she might have at her house. Have done SOME with organizing my vastly disorganized personal collection of YCB materials, 1991 to date.

12. Currently working on creating a "time line" of major YCB events (concerts, conductor and assistant conductor service dates, guest conductors and soloists, major publicity items, major board policy matters, rehearsal and performance locations, etc.) from which to write history.

#### Some Professional Development Activities

13. Attended one rehearsal and performed in one concert of the Ann Arbor Civic Band, playing 3<sup>rd</sup> trombone. Have attended several musical events in the area. Participated in three rehearsals and five performances of "West Side Story," playing 2<sup>nd</sup> trombone in the pit orchestra. Attended an adult band camp session at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

--Jerry Robbins

To: Ypsilanti Community Band  
Board of Directors

From: Paul Vaughan  
Business Manager

Re: August, 2008 Board Update

Date: August 11, 2008

**Facilities:** We continue to enjoy the use of Whitmore Lake High School as a rehearsal venue with unlimited access to the facility. In the past two months we have held several working meetings, gathered and returned our equipment at various hours and been able to pick up last minute items without troubling WL staff.

As the slow summer time use of the facility fades away we must keep in mind that we may be competing for space and time during the school year. We will work with WL staff to insure we get as much space and time as we need but it will need to be scheduled and planned, last minute activities may not be as flexible.

**Bulletin Board.** Our immediate plan in the next few months will include the addition of a bulletin board for YCB so that we can post board minutes, schedules and other such information. I am recruiting a few members to “manage” the board. I am asking for \$200 from the equipment budget for this endeavor.

**Secure Storage.** We will also be working to obtain some more storage space. We need to put away many of our items which we keep in the storage room. The current practice of storing items on top of the counter tops in the equipment room is not “smart storage”. For the security of our property we need to put it away and as good tenants of the facility we must make it so that their work area is clear as well.

**Insurance:** At last months meeting I informed the board that we had received a notice of cancellation of our insurance policy without prior notice. This information was incorrect and our policy had not been cancelled. I checked with Meagen Bush and she informed me of a technical computer error that had sent that notice out. I have our new policy and we will need to pay the premium, this is a budgeted expense.

**Equipment Inventory:** With the exception of a few items the inventory list is complete and is within our insurance policy guidelines. I have provided a “draft copy” to our carrier. Please make sure that any new acquisitions are forwarded to me for documentation. This would include purchases and or donations. When you provide this information to me, it would greatly help if you also provided the purchase price and any documentation you might have.

#### **Scheduling:**

#### ***Upcoming Events:***

### **2009 Outdoor Summer Series: (2 events remaining)**

-August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. EMU Convocation Center. UA Graduation. See attached prep sheet.

-August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM Riverside Park, Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. See attached prep sheet. I have been promised that shortly after the completion of this year’s festival we will work towards improving next years YCB performance. To include better staging and advertising.

### **2008 – 2009 Indoor Winter/Spring Series: (8 events)**

-October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. WCC. Towsley. Rehearsal confirmed for Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM, WCC.

-December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Ypsilanti Twp. Recreation Center. Tuba and Euphonium Christmas Themes. Coordinated by P. Vaughan

-December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Pease Auditorium. Holiday Concert. Rehearsal on December 9<sup>th</sup> will be at WL.

**Question?** Will we want to coordinate a joint rehearsal time with YCC. Please remember that Pease will not be open to us until later in the day so our set up time will be pretty limited. 5:30 PM at the earliest. Also, we will need to have strong and quick set up crews available for this performance for a easy transition.

-February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. WCC. Towsley. Rehearsal confirmed for Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, WCC.

-February 28<sup>th</sup>, time to be announced. Red Cedar Festival. Invitation and application pending.

-March 15<sup>th</sup> time to be announced at WCC. Towsley. Ensembles Concert.

**Question?** Who is coordinating this years event?

-April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. WL. Joint Concert with WLHS. Date and time confirmed. Working on joint rehearsal dates, will be on Tuesdays.

-April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. WCC. Towsley. Rehearsal confirmed for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **2009 Outdoor Spring/Summer Concert Series: (11 events)**

-May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> or May 23<sup>rd</sup>. TBA. Huron Valley Ambulance, EMS week. Tentative.

-May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 PM. Yankee Air Force. Tentative.

-Dexter – Ann Arbor Run. May 31 or June 6<sup>th</sup>. Pep band only. Tentative.

- Humane Society of Huron Valley. Mid-June. Tentative. Working out the specifics with their marketing director now. They think it is a great idea. **Tentative.**

- July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 PM. Ypsilanti Twp. Fireworks at Lakeshore Apartments. Small brass or other group to perform National Anthem earlier in day, 6:00 PM or so. Remainder of the band at 8:00 PM. Perform 8:00 to 9:45, break until 10:15 PM, and then perform during fireworks for about 45 minutes. **Tentative.**

- Three performances for Depot Town Development Folks. Dates pending, June and July.

- August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Milan. Tentative.

- August 15<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Festival. Tentative.

- August 20<sup>th</sup>, United Associates Completion Ceremony. Tentative.

## **2009 Fall/Winter Indoor Concert Series:**

- October 22 at 7:30 PM. WCC . Rehearsal at WCC on October 20<sup>th</sup>. **Tentative.**

- December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Pease Auditorium. Tentative.

### **September 2<sup>nd</sup> Rehearsal:**

The President has requested that I temporarily take over the personnel committee in preparation of our fall registration. I am looking for two volunteers to help me with registration. In addition, the treasurer or representative needs to be there. As early as 6:30 PM.

**Truck Rental:** We have worked out a new agreement with UHaul on South State Street. While it is not as inexpensive as before it is only a small change and well within our budget. The new rental rate is \$5.95 per day (raised from \$0.00) with a mileage rate of .79 cents per mile (up from .39). Our last rental for three days and mileage was \$88.16, still very reasonable.

**Contracts:** Should we consider formalized contracts for our sponsored concert events? If so I am interested in obtaining some sample contracts from various performance groups. Any thoughts?

**Community Partnerships:** I would like us to place the following people on a community partnership page or section which formally recognize them. No big ads are necessary but these are the folks who support our organization and need to be recognized as our "partners".

-Whitmore Lake Public Schools Community Recreation Department

-Washtenaw Community College Office of the President

-UHaul of South State Street

-Eastern Michigan University Office of \_\_\_\_\_

-Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp