

Bloomington Community Band Board of Directors Meeting  
June 26, 2023

Chair Richard VanArsdel called the meeting to order at 9:10 p.m. at Bloomington Free Methodist Church.

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdel, Chair  
Richard Denning, Vice-Chair/Manager  
Dan Beeker, Treasurer  
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer  
Gretchen Weber, Secretary  
Don Talbott, Web Master  
Jenn Strayer, Librarian  
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian  
Jenny Smith, Publicity Officer  
Tim Bitzer, Personnel Officer  
Dominic Thompson, Director

Members Absent:

Joe Car, Assistant Director

1. Standing Agenda Items:

- a. Minutes from the May 22, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.
- b. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted with notes as follows:
  - The fiscal year ends June 30.
  - Taxes to be completed by August.
  - A debit card for the IUCU account has been received.
  - Dues collection starts in July.
  - The status of income and expenses was reviewed and questions entertained regarding the foundation contributions and travel expenses listed on the report.
  - The budget is to be completed and will be voted on via email.

2. Old Business:

- a. Committee reports: none
- b. Rotation of board members to improve continuity: Rotation of board members has been previously discussed but Tim has not found a workable solution. The matter is open for suggestions.
- c. Tubs for music folders were discussed and will be approved subject to email vote.

3. New Business:

- a. Music folders: Five were previously approved for purchase. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to amend this purchase approval to ten folders like the current red leather embossed folders.
- b. Farmers' Market Booth: Gretchen reported that space in the free area at the Showers Saturday Market can be had for a one-time seasonal registration fee of \$10 for recruiting band members. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to authorize Gretchen to organize this. A handout is needed, and the trifold should be updated.

Jenny plans to have the trifold ready by the 4th Street Arts Fair. Norbert's wife will design it.

c. Fourth Street Arts Fair: Richard D. reported that the fee has been paid. Members need to be signed up to work. The placard is needed. We have a tent.

d. Dues: A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to keep dues at \$36 per year. Dues are payable by cash, personal check, or PayPal (linked on the website). To avoid the fee for using PayPal, a button will be added to the website linking to the charity URL for PayPal. An email is to be sent to members notifying them that it's time to pay dues.

e. Tip for White Rabbit: After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and adopted not to tip, owing to the fact that services were paid for and a complimentary program ad given.

f. Protocol for Pledge of Allegiance: Dom explained that the conductor stands on behalf of the ensemble and that the ensemble does not do so.

g. Tim asked that the church be secured for rehearsal space on August 31 for Swing Time and that access for all Thursdays be requested, in addition to the regular days of Monday and Wednesday.

h. Canceled concert due to weather on June 25: The concert was to be given in connection with a church ice-cream social. Jenn is to contact the church regarding rescheduling. Dom suggested a Monday night, obviating scheduling issues.

#### 4. Officers' reports

- a. Secretary: none
- b. Personnel: One new member rejoined the band.
- c. Historian: none
- d. Equipment Manager: none
- e. Librarian: none
- f. Publicity: none
- g. Web Master: none
- h. Vice-Chair: none

#### 5. Director comments:

a. Band App: Dom has the Band app set up so anyone can post and has linked video. Forty-two band members are currently signed up on the app. Don agreed to connect the Band app to a Google calendar.

b. Distribution of new music could be smoother if done outside rehearsal time. After the September 18 rehearsal, Jenn will ask members to leave their folders. The board will be asked to volunteer to refresh folders.

#### 6. Chair's comments:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Weber, Secretary